



## Surgery

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### Definition

The branch of medicine in which manual or operative procedures are used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease, injuries, or deformities.

### Discussion

Specialties include neurological, orthopaedic, plastic, thoracic, and colon and rectal surgery.

### Scope and emphasis

Collected comprehensively.

### Special considerations

Still and moving images depicting surgical techniques are of particular interest. NLM has an extensive historical collection in surgery and holds the papers of several key surgical organizations.