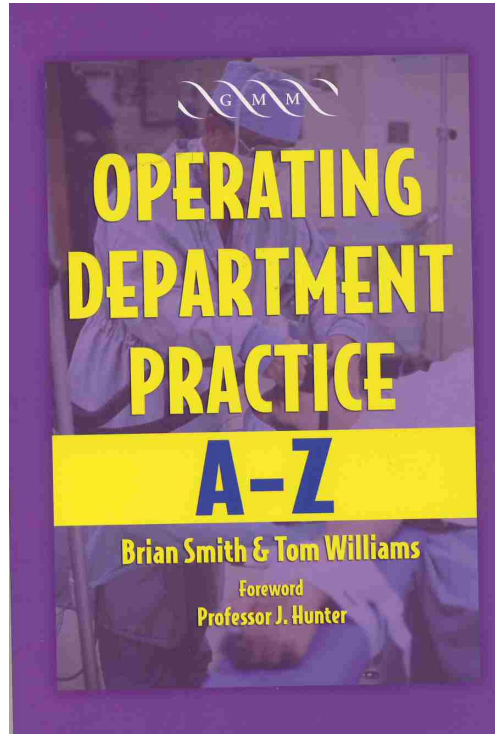


OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTICE A – Z

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A comprehensive book written for the ODP or any peri-operative practitioner. It gives a wealth of information in a dictionary style of presentation that covers Medical Terminology, abbreviations and key topics that will enhance any student ODP's, or indeed any qualified ODP's learning. Surgical and Medical Jargon in practice, is something that we have grown to accept that is normally learned through experience and trial of learning in the workplace. This book helps that understanding and puts the jargon into perspective in a very reader – friendly way. It is aimed at Peri-Operative practitioners to supplement and summarise similar information that can be gleaned from other sources and medical dictionaries, putting the information into one handy tome.



It has a sound structured approach with emphasis being placed upon easy understanding and access of information, beginning with medical terminology, through an A – Z of detailed information on specific topics of interest, through to useful web sites and a table of normal physiological values at the end of the book. I feel that the web site list could have been a little more comprehensive with perhaps some more detail of links and other institutions – the list given seems a little short! I also wondered why the AODP web site was under the 'Anaesthesia' column?

Overall this book seems to fill a huge gap in the market for all practitioners who are involved in the peri-operative care of the surgical patient. It would be invaluable for other professionals (as Professor Hunter suggested in the forward) such as anaesthetists and nurses! Others that would benefit by this book are Operating Department Support Workers, and Medical/Surgical secretary's – again filling a gap in available information, spelling and pronunciation of specific terminology. I would recommend this book to all in practice, especially student ODP's and it should be in every operating department reference library.

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