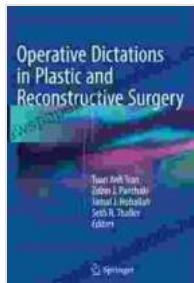


# Operative Dictations in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery: A Comprehensive Guide



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### Components of an Operative Dictation

The following are the key components of an operative dictation:

- \* **Preoperative Diagnosis:** A brief statement of the patient's preoperative diagnosis.
- \* **Indications for Surgery:** A statement of the reasons why the surgery was necessary.
- \* **Operative Technique:** A detailed description of the surgical procedure, including the following:
  - \* Incisions
  - \* Dissection
  - \* Implantation of devices (e.g., breast implants, facial prostheses)
  - \* Closure
- \* **Complications:** A description of any complications that were encountered during the surgery.
- \* **Postoperative Instructions:** A list of instructions for the patient's postoperative care.

### Importance of Accurate Operative Dictations

Accurate and complete operative dictations are important for a number of reasons, including:

\* **Patient Safety:** Operative dictations provide a record of the surgical procedure that can be used to track the patient's progress and identify any potential complications. \* **Billing:** Operative dictations are used to determine the appropriate level of reimbursement for the surgery. \*

**Medico-Legal Protection:** Operative dictations can be used as evidence in the event of a medical malpractice lawsuit.

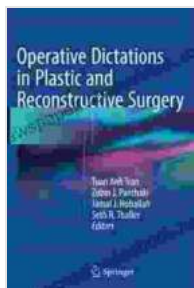
### **Tips for Dictating Accurate Operative Reports**

The following are some tips for dictating accurate operative reports:

\* **Use clear and concise language.** Avoid using jargon or medical abbreviations that may not be understood by everyone. \* **Be specific and detailed.** Provide a detailed account of the surgical procedure, including the following: \* The size and location of the incisions \* The type of dissection performed \* The specific implants or devices used \* The type of closure used \* **Dictate in a timely manner.** Dictate the operative report as soon as possible after the surgery, while the details are still fresh in your mind. \* **Review the report carefully before signing it.** Make sure that the report is accurate and complete before you sign it.

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By following the tips outlined in this article, you can improve the accuracy and completeness of your operative dictations.



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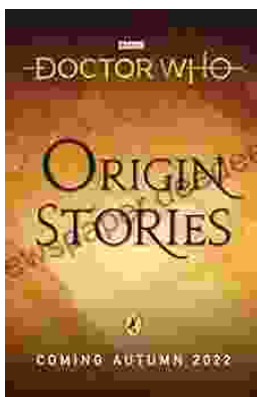
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