

Joined Up Careers Derbyshire

Operating department practitioner



What is an operating department practitioner (ODP)?

ODPs work with patients before, during and after surgery to provide high quality and individualised care. Before surgery (the anaesthetic phase), ODPs must prepare a wide range of specialist equipment and drugs as well as communicating effectively with the patient and clinical team.

During the operation (the surgical phase), ODPs are responsible for providing the surgeon with the correct surgical instruments and act as the main link between the surgical team and other departments. After surgery, ODPs support a patient's recovery by monitoring their physiological parameters and giving appropriate post-operative treatment.

Do you have what it takes?

You will be required to undertake a minimum of a university or apprenticeship degree to practise as an ODP.

You'll need to be caring and compassionate, able to work as a team, highly organised and have excellent problem solving skills. You'll also need to be able to concentrate for long periods of time, and have very good communication skills.

What's in it for you?

- Rewarding career
- Flexibility
- Excellent employment prospects
- Competitive pay
- Progression opportunities

How can I find out more?

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