

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 care on the operating table and are responsible for providing all the necessary equipment and instrumentation for the surgeon. They act as the main link between the surgical team and other departments.

After surgery (the recovery phase), 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 will need to be caring and compassionate, able to work within a team, highly organised and have excellent problem-solving skills. You will 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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