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1. Introduction

- Surgical terminology describes operative procedures and interventions on the body.
- Suffixes convey the type of action performed.

2. Common Surgical Suffixes

- **-ectomy**: surgical removal, e.g. appendectomy.
- **-otomy**: incision into, e.g. tracheotomy.
- **-ostomy**: creation of an opening, e.g. colostomy.
- **-plasty**: surgical repair or reshaping, e.g. rhinoplasty.

3. Types of Procedures

- Elective procedures are planned, while emergency procedures are urgent.
- Minimally invasive techniques, such as laparoscopy, reduce recovery time.

4. Perioperative Phases

- **Preoperative**: assessment, consent, and preparation before surgery.
- **Intraoperative**: the procedure itself, including anesthesia.
- **Postoperative**: recovery, monitoring, and wound care.

5. Safety and Importance

- Correct site, procedure, and patient verification prevent errors.
- Accurate terms support documentation, coding, and team communication.