

**Career Development Series**  
**Interpreting Acute Care Dictation #2: Operative Reports**

**ANCILLARY MATERIAL**

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**Confessions of a Surgery Transcriptionist** by Georgia Green, CMT

**Surgery and Surgery Dictation** by John H. Dirckx, M.D.

**Questions and Answers on "Surgery and Surgery Dictation"**

**WHO Cares About Safety in the Operating Room** by John H. Dirckx, M.D.

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**Introduction and Guidelines** by Ellen Drake, CMT, AHDI-F

**Quick-Reference List of Words and Phrases**

**TRANSCRIPT KEYS**

**Cardiovascular Surgery** (approx. 30 minutes)

1. Remote wireless latitude followup. Ischemic cardiomyopathy. (47 seconds)
2. Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) of left anterior descending artery. Attempted PTCA of the right coronary artery. (3 minutes 42 seconds)
3. Placement of implantable venous infusion port. (6 minutes 8 seconds)
4. Left common femoral to anterior tibial artery bypass with in situ greater saphenous vein. (7 minutes 51 seconds)
5. Aortoiliac graft repair of abdominal aortic aneurysm. (6 minutes 51 seconds)
6. Resection of infrarenal abdominal and iliac artery aneurysm with grafting using a Hemashield bifurcation graft. (4 minutes 50 seconds)

**Ears, Nose, and Throat Surgery** (approx. 30 minutes)

7. Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy (1 minute 30 seconds)
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9. Right frontal sinusotomy. Bilateral anterior-posterior ethmoidectomy. Maxillary antrostomies. Sphenoid sinusotomies. (4 minutes 3 seconds)
10. Excision of left branchial cleft fistula/cyst. Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy. (4 minutes 35 seconds)

11. Right total ethmoidectomy. Right maxillary sinusotomy. Right sphenoidotomy. Right middle turbinate partial resection. Right submucosal resection inferior turbinate. Septoplasty. (3 minutes 59 seconds)
12. Left ossicular reconstruction with a total ossicular reconstruction prosthesis. (3 minutes 22 seconds)
13. Left inferior parathyroidectomy. (1 minute 51 seconds)
14. Excision of thyroglossal duct cyst. Sistrunk procedure. (5 minutes 20 seconds)
15. Direct laryngoscopy. Excision of laryngotracheal papilloma. Bronchoscopy. (4 minutes 26 seconds)

**General Surgery** (approx. 58 minutes)

16. Right breast excision biopsy. (2 minutes 26 seconds)
17. Excision of very large axillary-left chest wall neoplasm. (3 minutes 5 seconds)
18. Right thyroid lobectomy. (4 minutes 4 seconds)
19. Exploratory laparotomy. Reduction of small bowel volvulus with release of small bowel obstruction and repair of mesenteric defect to close internal hernia. Incidental appendectomy. (6 minutes 47 seconds)
20. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass with 110 cm limb. Umbilical hernia repair. Upper endoscopy. (6 minutes 8 seconds)
21. Exploratory laparotomy. Lysis of adhesions of right colon to anterior abdominal wall. Cholecystectomy. Removal of right ovary. (4 minutes 10 seconds)
22. Exploratory laparotomy. Lysis of adhesions. Reduction of small bowel volvulus. (4 minutes 57 seconds)
23. Exploratory laparotomy. Resection of jejunojejunal anastomosis of a Roux-en-Y gastric bypass for intussusception. (5 minutes 31 seconds)
24. Exploratory laparotomy. Lysis of adhesions. Biopsy of serosal implant and lymph node. Jejunojunostomy for bypass. (10 minutes 24 seconds)
25. Emergent exploratory laparotomy with evacuation of hemoperitoneum. Repair of mesenteric arterial and venous bleeding vessels via ligation. Small bowel resection. Simple repair of a 3 cm chin laceration. Complex repair of a 4 cm intraoral lip laceration with debridement. (10 minutes 14 seconds)

**Neurosurgery** (approx. 17 minutes)

26. Cerebrospinal fluid tap, lumbar puncture. (1 minute 55 seconds)
27. Minimally invasive laminotomy and microdiscectomy with re-exploration at L5-S1. Laminotomy with decompression and microdiscectomy at L4-5. (8 minutes 53 seconds)
28. Spinal drainage x2. Harvest of abdominal fat. Transsphenoidal resection of pituitary tumor using microdissection and C-arm fluoroscopy. Sphenoid sinus exenteration. (6 minutes 3 seconds)

### **Obstetrics and Gynecology** (approx. 28 minutes)

29. Transobturator sling placement. Perineorrhaphy. Intrauterine device (IUD) placement. (1 minute 45 seconds)
30. Diagnostic laparoscopy with removal of peritoneal fluid and drainage of a left ovarian cyst. NovaSure endometrial ablation. (3 minutes 23 seconds)
31. Laparoscopic-assisted vaginal hysterectomy with bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy. Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy. (5 minutes 21 seconds)
32. Total vaginal hysterectomy with bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy. Suburethral sling (Lynx procedure). Anterior repair. Cystoscopy. (5 minutes 34 seconds)
33. Diagnostic laparoscopy. Laparoscopic right salpingo-oophorectomy. Laparoscopic lysis of adhesions, left adnexa. Anterior colporrhaphy. Tension-free vaginal tape for incontinence. (5 minutes 48 seconds)
34. Diagnostic laparoscopy. Minilaparotomy. Left salpingo-oophorectomy. (5 minutes 58 seconds)

### **Ophthalmology** (1 minute 22 seconds)

35. Pars plana vitrectomy, right eye. Membrane peel, right eye. Endolaser, right eye. (1 minute 22 seconds)

### **Orthopedic Surgery** (approx. 21 minutes)

36. Hardware removal of right hip nonunion and femur nonunion with open reduction and internal fixation of right hip and femur nonunion, with addition of Norian bone filler. (3 minutes 56 seconds)
37. Removal of foreign body, right knee. Irrigation and debridement (I&D) of open fracture of the distal femur and proximal tibia through arthroscopic lavage. (3 minutes 31 seconds)
38. Right knee arthroscopy with partial medial meniscectomy and partial lateral meniscectomy. (3 minutes 25 seconds)
39. Open reduction and internal fixation of right hip fracture with DHS screw and plate fixation. Application of short arm cast, right distal radius fracture. (4 minutes 9 seconds)
40. Revision right total arthroplasty using Zimmer ZMR prosthesis. (5 minutes 36 seconds)

### **Urology/Nephrology** (approx. 20 minutes)

- 41-42. Cystoscopy with bilateral retrograde pyelograms. Transurethral resection of bladder tumors (tumors less than 5 cm). Cystoscopy with right ureteral stent placement. (5 minutes 31 seconds)
43. Laparoscopic left donor nephrectomy. (7 minutes 33 seconds)
44. Cadaveric renal transplant. Ureteroneocystostomy with stent. (7 minutes 21 seconds)

**Total 44 reports = 3 hours**