

## Introduction to Operating Theatre Protocols

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**(3.5) Introduction to Operating Theatre Protocols** module forms part of the **Working with Healthcare Professionals course** and is designed to familiarise new medical technology industry personnel with ACORN standards and protocols for visitors to the peri-operative environment.

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### Working with Healthcare Professionals

Medical technology industry personnel often need to work directly with healthcare professionals. A range of skills, knowledge and understanding that respond to differing learning styles of healthcare providers are required.

### What is the Working with Healthcare Professionals Course?

The *Working with Healthcare Professionals* course has been created recently. Staff interacting with healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend.

*3.1 Interpreting Medical Terminology* provides insight for those who are new to the industry in understanding a range of commonly used medical terms.

*3.2 Communicating Effectively with Healthcare Professionals* is an evidence-based workshop about how to effectively communicate with clinicians.

*3.3 Professional Conduct* gives an overview of the professional behaviour expected of medical technology employees when working with healthcare professionals, including professional relationships and medico-legal issues.

*3.4 Hospital Protocols* provides an introduction to the types of behaviours hospitals require of visiting medical technology industry professionals.

*3.5 Introduction to Operating Theatre Protocols* and *3.6 Operating Theatre Protocols Refresher* provides an overview of the ACORN Standards for visitors to the peri-operative environment. All new medical technology industry staff visiting operating theatres should undertake module 3.5; while those who have previously attended OTP training or are registered nurses and are updating their learning should attend module 3.6. A photo ID badge will be provided upon successful completion of each module.

### What topics are covered in the *Introduction to Operating Theatre Protocols* module?

This assessed introductory module provides theoretical and practical training for personnel who are new to the peri-operative environment. Operating theatre registered nurses (within the last two years) new to the industry may apply for recognised prior learning pending a successful pre-assessment. While completing the module, participants will:

- learn aseptic techniques and associated principles of practice;
- understand the principles of infection control;
- investigate the handling of accountable items;
- explore OH&S issues; and
- examine patient privacy and confidentiality requirements.

### Who should attend?

Medical technology industry personnel who are new to the peri-operative environment should attend the training. Modules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 are recommended as complementary training for this module.

### How much does it cost?

The cost of this one-day module including GST is \$950 for members and \$1500 for non-members. The cost for past operating theatre registered nurses or other experienced personnel to complete the assessment only, the cost is \$500 for members and \$800 for non-members including GST.

### How do I register?

All registrations to MTAA training modules are via the website. Places are limited. Please visit *Training under Professional Development* on the MTAA website [www.mtaa.org.au](http://www.mtaa.org.au) to access course information and enter registration and payment details. Following registration, participants will be forwarded a program and venue map. Participants will receive a *Certificate of Participation* and photo ID badge upon completion.

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