

Topic Sentences for Body Paragraphs

Preparation Paragraph

The first stage of **name of procedure** is preparation.

During the first stage of _____, the patient is prepared.

Before the actual procedure of _____ begins, the patient is prepared.

The stage before the actual procedure involves a number of preparatory steps.

Procedure Paragraph

The second stage of _____ is the procedure itself.

In the next stage of _____, the actual procedure begins.

Once / After the patient is prepared for _____, the actual procedure begins.

After the patient is prepared for _____, the second stage, which is the procedure itself, begins.

Post-procedure Care / Recovery Paragraph

The third stage of _____ is / involves post-procedure care.

The final stage of _____ is recovery.

During the third stage of _____, which is post-procedure care, the patient recovers.

Once the actual procedure of _____ is completed, recovery begins.

Note: When writing a topic sentence, do not repeat the same words.

*In the first stage, which is **preparation**, the patient is **prepared**.* WRONG

In the first stage, the patient is prepared. CORRECT

*After the patient is prepared for the cricothyroidotomy **procedure**, the actual **procedure** begins.*

WRONG

After the patient is prepared for cricothyroidotomy, the actual procedure begins.

CORRECT

*The third stage of the cricothyroidotomy **procedure** is post-**procedure** care.* WRONG

The third stage of cricothyroidotomy is post-procedure care. CORRECT

Topic Sentence: Exercise

Directions: Write topic sentences for the following outlines.

1) **Hip Replacement**

- II. Preparation
 - A. Evaluation of patient
 - 1. x-rays
 - 2. lab tests
 - B. Fast 12 hours before

2) **Endocardial Implantation**

- III. Procedure
 - A. Incision below collarbone
 - B. Small pocket made under skin & fat
 - C. Pacemaker placed in pocket
 - D. Threaded through vein in upper chest until reach heart

3) **FESS**

- IV. Recovery
 - A. Antibiotics & painkillers
 - B. Nose bleeds & discomfort — a few weeks
 - C. Follow-up visit

4)

Cardiac Catheterization

- III. Procedure (in catheterization laboratory)
 - A. Insertion site cleaned, shaved, swabbed w/ disinfectant, numbed
 - B. Needle inserted
 - C. Guide wire through needle
 - D. Sheath pushed over the wire into the artery
 - E. Catheter inserted through sheath
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5)

Enteroclysis

- II. Preparation (involves clearing the bowels)
 - A. Clear liquid diet 24 hours before
 - B. Laxative 12 hours before
 - C. No smoking 8 hours before
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6)

Colostomy

- III. Procedure (w/ patient under general anesthesia)
 - A. Incision in abdominal wall (16-20 cm)
 - B. Remove diseased part of intestine
 - C. Create stoma (artificial opening) in abdomen: allow feces to pass from body
 - D. Close incision
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