

Review

Now, you are ready to write an entire procedure essay. Remember the following points:

1) Thesis Statement and Restatement of the Thesis

Here is a thesis statement that works well for many essays on medical procedures:

X is carried out / performed / conducted in three stages: preparation, the actual procedure, / the procedure itself and post-procedure care / post-operative care / recovery.

How to use the colon:

a) Use a complete sentence before the colon. b) The colon introduces a list.

The thesis can be restated in the conclusion as follows:

*In conclusion, X is a (**general class**) that is completed in three stages.*

*In conclusion, X, which is a (**general class**) that (**extra information**), is completed in three stages.*

2) Cohesion

The following transitions and phrases are commonly used when writing about the actual procedure:

The first step:

First, (at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence)
Initially, / To begin with,
The procedure begins with verb + ing ...

Middle of paragraph:

Next, / After that,
Then (at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence)
In the next / following step,
Once / After this step is completed,
The next step involves verb + ing...

At least once in the paragraph:

Once / After / When ... (summarize the previous step),

An important moment:

At this point,
Now (at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence)

The last step of the procedure:

Finally, / Lastly, / To complete the procedure,
In the final / last step of the procedure,