

Operative reports done post- op...

It's more time and energy efficient...

It's required by regulations...

It's the right thing to do for quality care!!!

“An operative report describing techniques, findings, and tissues removed or altered must be written or dictated **immediately following surgery** and signed by the surgeon.”

TITLE 42--PUBLIC HEALTH, CHAPTER IV—
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PART 482--CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION FOR HOSPITALS
Subpart D--Optional Hospital Services, Sec. 482.51 Condition of participation: Surgical services.

Operative reports dictated **immediately after surgery** record the name of the primary surgeon and assistants, findings, technical procedures, specimens removed, and post-operative diagnosis. When the operative report is not placed in the medical record immediately, an operative progress note is entered in the medical record **immediately after surgery** to provide pertinent information for anyone required to attend the patient.

IM.7.3.3 JCAHO Hospital Accreditation standards