

Surgery

1. Read John Flint South's account of a surgical theatre on p3. How does he describe the room? What problems can you identify for a medical facility?
2. Read the two sources on p5 describing surgeries. Explain why these surgeries would likely result in the patient's death.
3. What were the problems with surgery before anaesthetic?
4. Compare the anaesthetics developed in the 19th century. Which was most effective?
5. Explain why anaesthetic alone did not improve the death rates from surgery.
6. Explain the importance of Lister.
7. Why was antiseptic surgery sometimes unpopular?
8. Explain aseptic surgery; how does it differ from antiseptic surgery?
9. Compare the source on p18 with the description on p3. What changes have been made to the operating theatre? Which, in your opinion, is the most significant change?