

We allocate OR time to individual surgeons. Can we still use the methods, since they plan OR time allocation to services?

Surgical service refers to a group of surgeons who share allocated OR time. An individual surgeon, a group, a specialty, or a department can represent a surgical service. Surgical service simply refers to the unit of OR allocation. For example, suppose that all of the cardiothoracic surgeons practicing at a hospital are allocated OR time. Then, cardiothoracic surgery would be a service. For example, suppose that two otolaryngologists are partners in one of three otolaryngology groups that practice at a hospital. If the two otolaryngologists are together allocated OR time, then they would represent a service. For example, suppose that a busy surgeon is personally allocated 10 hr of OR time every Wednesday. Then, from the perspective of OR time allocation, that surgeon would represent a surgical service. [Click here](#) for a review article.

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