

Surgical care in the village.

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Abstract:

The care of people suffering from surgical disease or injury is unique in requiring, even at its simplest level, a certain degree of psychomotor skill and technological support. This cannot be achieved and maintained in isolation with any consistency. Villages must therefore be interdependent and related to supervision from the district hospital. The responsibility for village care rests with the district physician. He must be adequately trained for this purpose and provided with the simple facilities that are required. He extends his reach into the villages through the auxiliary health workers, who must be taught the skills necessary for simple surgical procedures and be trained to stabilize those patients that they cannot treat for transport to the district hospital. Although the skills and facilities required must be determined locally, there is a need to define the broad principles of training and to develop simple and adequate technology at village and district levels.