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Introduction

The transmission of infective agents during surgical procedures in operating theatres and other medical settings can occur in several ways. Sources are e.g. noses and mouths of the surgical team. The main intended use of surgical masks is to protect the patients from infective agents from the noses and mouths of the staff and, in certain situations, additionally to protect the wearer against splashes of potentially contaminated liquids.