

ONE FINE DAY IN THE OPERATING ROOM

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CAST: Surgeon
Nurse
Anesthesiologist
Patient
TV Announcer

PROPS: Surgeon costume and latex gloves for surgeon, lab coat for doctor, nurse uniform and cap, patient gown, caveman's club, tray, pillow, cigar and Groucho glasses for anesthesiologist, machete, microphone, screwdriver, extension cord, operating table

ANNOUNCER: Hello, and welcome to the newest reality show: Operation TV.

SURGEON: Hey, could ya keep it down! I'm about to perform surgery here.

PATIENT: But, doctor, I'm just –

SURGEON: *(smiles and pats patient on head)* Now, now – there's nothing to worry about.

ANNOUNCER: *(whispers loudly)* As I was saying, we're here live on Operation TV to watch this poor schmuck – er, patient – get cut open.

SURGEON *(turns to nurse)* Nurse, send in the anesthesiologist.

NURSE: *(calls loudly)* Anesthesiologist! Please report to the operating table!

(Anesthesiologist rushes from behind curtain wearing Groucho glasses and holding cigar)

ANESTHESIOLOGIST: Anything you say, Noice!

SURGEON: Where's your anesthetic?

ANESTHESIOLOGIST: *(retrieves club from behind curtain)* Right here, Doc. I just hit the patient on his...

PATIENT: *(lifts head and looks scared)* But, but, but...

ANESTHESIOLOGIST: No, not your butt, your head. *(pretends to hit patient, whose head falls to pillow. Anesthesiologist leaves)*

SURGEON: Now, the first step in performing any operation is to remove the playfield glass...

NURSE: Er, Doctor. That's how you fix a pinball machine.

SURGEON: *(laughs)* Yes, or course. I remember now. Nurse, hand me my scalpel.

(Nurse hands him machete. Doctor pretends to cut patient open)

ANNOUNCER: Warning! Some viewers may find this too intense.

PATIENT: Especially me!

NURSE: Rats! The anesthetic must have worn off. *(calls loudly)* Anesthesiologist!

ANESTHESIOLOGIST: *(rushes in from behind curtain)* At your service, doll!

NURSE: Better give him a double dose this time.

(Anesthesiologist pretends to hit patient twice. Patient falls to pillow. Anesthesiologist leaves)

SURGEON: That's better. Now, Nurse, hand me a screwdriver.

NURSE: Straight or Phillips?