Aims:

To identify organizational and psychosocial factors, as well as factors in the physical environment, and examine how these affect the work environment of the operating unit.

Methods:

Both quantitative and qualitative, including measurements of physical parameters, video observations, surveys, interviews and estimation scales.

New knowledge acquired in several problem areas:

- Teamwork and management of work
- Methodology for organizational development and innovation
- Patient safety
- Operating room lighting
- Musculoskeletal problems
- Ventilation and diffusion of airborne particles

Past Present Future

Interview study regarding informants reports of past events, facilitated by visualization.

Studies of phenomenon as they appear in their actual setting, through video observation, measurements of physical, psychosocial and visual ergonomics.

Testing participative action oriented methods intended to develop new ways of working.

Improved physical environments.