

How can Dr. Dexter help a new OR manager?

For the operational and financial aspects of OR management, it is important to learn and apply the science, because it is not intuitive and there are not data that experience improves decision-making. One of the quickest and least expensive ways to learn the science is not to rely on yourself to find precisely the right material or to hope that a conference will cover precisely the right topic in a format that you can apply. Instead, budget a few hours of an expert's time per month, available by telephone, e-mail, web conference, etc. [Click here](#) for a paper explaining the science. As needed, describe your problem and have the person you choose send you to the relevant section of the most appropriate and recent paper, critique your recommendations, and/or recommend how to improve the quality of the internal reports that you are being provided. Dr. Dexter's team has been doing this type of work for several years. Frequently, the OR manager starts by having him perform a quantitative assessment of operational and financial performance of the surgical suite, as described on the [consulting](#) page of the web site. This baseline assessment can help the new OR manager determine rapidly which problems to focus on first to improve a desired goal.

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