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noun

1. an act or instance, process, or manner of functioning or operating.
2. the state of being operative (usually preceded by *in* or *into*):
a rule no longer in operation.
3. the power to act; efficacy, influence, or force.

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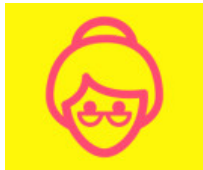
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4. the exertion of force, power, or influence; agency:
the operation of alcohol on the mind.
5. a process of a practical or mechanical nature in some form of work or production:
a delicate operation in watchmaking.
6. a course or procedure of productive or industrial activity:
building operations.
7. a particular process or course:
mental operations.

Origin of operation

Middle English (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/middle-english>)

Latin (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/latin>)

1350-1400

1350-1400; Middle English *operacioun* < Latin *operātiōn-* (stem of *operātiō*), equivalent to *operāt(us)* (see operate (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/operate>)) + *-iōn-* *-iōn-* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/-ion>)

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Their leader, Njie, still going by "Dave" during the *operation*, would stay a safe distance away until the State House was secure.

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The campaign was known to palace insiders as "*operation* Mrs. PB."

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British Dictionary definitions for operation

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noun

1. the act, process, or manner of operating
2. the state of being in effect, in action, or operative (esp in the phrases **in** or **into operation**)
3. a process, method, or series of acts, esp of a practical or mechanical nature

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Word Origin and History for operation

n.

late 14c., "action, performance, work," also "the performance of some science or art," from Old French *operacion* "operation, working, proceedings," from Latin *operationem* (nominative *operatio*) "a working, operation," from past participle stem of *operari* "to work, labor" (in Late Latin "to have effect, be active, cause"), from *opera* "work, effort," related to *opus* (genitive *operis*) "a work" (see *opus* (/browse/opus)). The surgical sense is first attested 1590s. Military sense of "series of movements and acts" is from 1749.

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operation op·er·a·tion (ŏp'ə-rā'shən)

n.

1. A surgical procedure, usually using instruments, for remedying an injury, an ailment, a defect, or a dysfunction.
2. The act, manner, or process of functioning.

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operation in Science

operation (ŏp'ə-rā'shən) (<http://content.dictionary.com/help/dictionary/ahsd/pronkey.html>)

1. *Medicine* A surgical procedure for remedying an injury, ailment, defect, or dysfunction.
2. *Mathematics* A process or action, such as addition, substitution, transposition, or differentiation, performed in a specified sequence and in accordance with specific rules
3. A logical operation.
4. *Computer Science* An action resulting from a single instruction.

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