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Definition of *procedure*

1a : a particular way of accomplishing something or of acting

b : a step in a procedure

2a : a series of steps followed in a regular definite order legal procedure a surgical procedure

b : a set of instructions for a computer that has a name by which it can be called into action

3a : a traditional or established way of doing things

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: a medical treatment or operation

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: an action or series of actions for doing or accomplishing something What is the *procedure* for school enrollment?

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Medical Definition of *procedure*


1 : a particular way of accomplishing something or of acting

2 : a step in a procedure especially : a series of steps followed in a regular definite order a surgical procedure a therapeutic procedure

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Legal Definition of *procedure*

1 : one or more methods or steps for the enforcement or administration of rights, duties, justice, or laws civil procedure police procedure — compare [procedural law](#), [substantive law](#)

2 : a particular and especially established way of doing something a medical procedure security procedures

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