

APPENDIX E: OPERATIVE NOTE TEMPLATE**Table 5. Operative Note Template for Dictation, Surgical Planning, or Data Collection**

1. Patient	2. Surgeon
3. Date of Surgery	4. Anesthesia
5. EBL:	6. Tubes
7. Specimens	8. Complications
9. Implants, Devices	
10. Indication for operation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Established compartment syndrome (therapeutic) b. Risk of compartment syndrome developing (prophylactic) 	
11. Preoperative wound appearance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Size (volume of damaged tissue: large surgeon hand ~500ml) b. Depth, location, contamination material or matter 	
12. Preoperative imaging findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Soft tissue injury seen & fracture 	
13. Examination under anesthesia, fluoroscopy, and surgical exploration findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Distal pulse status b. Wound size, depth, location, contamination, materials or matter; burn eschar location and depth c. Vessel status, pulse, limb perfusion, capillary refill, congestion, edema, color of skin, warmth d. Clot presence, intravascular or extra vascular site, size (volume), location e. Hematoma presence f. Compartment hardness: soft, hard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Epimysiotomy (if done by muscle name or compartment if known) ii. Retinaculotomy (if done by name, e.g., partial proximal ankle extensor) iii. Retinaculotomy extended from anterior leg compartment fasciotomy iv. Result of fasciotomy and procedure (distal perfusion and pulse; gap in fasciotomy edges on release in cm; bulging out of muscles in compartment) v. Compartments soft or hard vi. Muscle color, consistency, contractility, capacity to bleed 	
14. Patient condition, status, disposition and plan.	
15. Key note for air evacuation: "Patient has been monitored for X hours after injury/surgery and has not had progression of signs or symptoms of compartment syndrome."	