

# Time-out Script

## Step 1:

**Surgeon** calls for the time-out just prior to incision.

All other activity ceases; team comes together and focuses on the time-out.

## Step 2:

**Circulator:** Reads aloud the patient's name, 2nd identifier, procedure and procedure site from the informed consent document that has been previously verified during pre-op and asks the team to verify.

*Example:* "This is Betty Jones, MR#; we are doing a left hip replacement."  
States: "Please verify."

## Step 3:

Verification:

**Anesthesia Care Provider:** States patient's name, 2nd patient identifier and procedure (can be shorthand version of the procedure) with laterality if appropriate.

States: "Patient Name, MR#, Procedure."  
*Example:* "Betty Jones, MR#, Left Hip."

## Step 4:

Verification:

**Scrub Tech:**

1st: Verifies which procedure they have prepped — can be a shorthand version of the procedure.

States: "I'm set up for a XX procedure."  
Example: "I'm set up for a left hip replacement."

2nd: Visualizes the mark, verbally indicating that he sees the mark and where it is located.

States: "I see the mark, it is on the XX side."  
*Example:* "I see the mark, it is on the left hip."

## Step 5:

Verification:

**Surgeon:** States full procedure; asks scrub tech to remove the time-out towel to begin the procedure.