

Keep your patient safe — it is your duty to speak up and say “Stop!” if these SAFE SITE safety steps are not in place:



Pre-Operative Area Verification and Signing of Site

Verify

- The patient’s identification with two indicators,
- the procedure to be performed, and
- the procedure site using multiple source documents, such as:
 - provider order,
 - diagnostic images,
 - radiology/pathology reports,
 - patient understanding of procedure, and
 - informed consent.

Sign Site

- The person performing the procedure signs the site using his/her initials.



Operating Room Team Communication

Team reviews and discusses relevant information about the case including:

- relevant images,
- implants,
- special equipment,
- positioning,
- antibiotics and
- additional safety precautions.



Operating Room — Just Prior to Incision Time-out

- The surgeon initiates the time-out procedure after scrubbing.
- The circulating nurse reads patient name, second identifier, procedure and site.
- The circulating nurse asks each team member to verify in order:

1st — anesthesia care provider:

- States patient name, second identifier, procedure and site.

2nd — scrub person:

- States which procedure they have set up and
- if they visualize the site marking and where it is located.

3rd — surgeon:

- States full procedure and
- asks scrub tech to remove the time-out towel to begin procedure.