

# TOP 10 REASONS FOR NOT VISUALIZING THE SITE MARK

10. "I know I saw it earlier – we're good to go."
9. "I didn't think we site marked for this procedure."
8. "It's someone else's job."
7. "This is a waste of time – I haven't had a wrong site surgery in 20 years."
6. "I trust Dr. Smith; he has been doing this a long time and knows what he is doing."
5. "We have imaging – why do we need site marking?"
4. "The patient was repositioned and no one looked."
3. "I thought it was just covered up by the surgical drape."
2. "It was there but got scrubbed off during skin prep."
1. "Well, it's obvious – we're taking off the foot with the dressing on it."



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**Visualize the Site Marking**  
Every Patient, Every Procedure, Every Time