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The surgical time out is part of a mandated Universal Protocol that was introduced in 2004 by the Joint Commission with the goal of preventing wrong site, wrong person, and wrong procedure surgeries. All health care providers performing invasive procedures are required to comply with this Universal Protocol and hospitals have a duty to ensure that it is being followed.

Surgical time outs are performed immediately before a procedure takes place and at minimum, participants must verify the identity of the patient, the site of the procedure, and the procedure being performed. The entire surgical team must participate in the time out, this includes the surgeon, the circulating nurse, the anesthesiologist, the OR technician, and other individuals who will be participating in the surgery.

**Today you will perform a surgical time out for your first patient. Follow the checklist below and ensure the participation of the entire team. Take this seriously, your future patients depend on it.**

Time started: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_

Elements to be Checked	Y/N/NA	Remarks
Patient's identity confirmed (Table #, Body ID #, Sex)		
Procedure to be done confirmed		
Route to be used		
Anticipated critical events		
Consent signed by patient/surrogate as applicable		
Site marked		
Instruments adequate, appropriate and available for the procedure		
Appropriate devices checked and available		
Essential imaging displayed		

Verified by all team members (please initial) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date/Time: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_: