

Ohio Surgical/Procedural Verification Protocol

Pre-Op Verification: Prior to Surgery

Step 1: Patient Verification

At a minimum (Pre-admission, Initial check-in, anytime patient is transferred to another caregiver) includes:

- Two patient identifiers
- Procedure to be performed



At a minimum (When surgery/ procedure scheduled, Pre-op before OR, patient taken to OR) includes:

- Two patient identifiers
- Procedure to be performed
- Site of procedure confirmed
- Surgeon(s) involved

In the event of a discrepancy, at any transition, re-verification is required

Marking the Site: Before Entering OR

Step 2: Marking the Site

Marking the Site includes:

- Surgeon/designee marking the site
- Physically marking the site includes:
 - ➡ Mark on or near incision site
 - ➡ Mark with marker's initials using a persistent marker
 - ➡ Mark visible once patient draped/ prepped



Marking occurs:

- As early as feasible
- Prior to entering the OR room

Do NOT mark non-operative sites.

Time-Out Prior to Incision

Step 3: Time Out



Time Out includes:

- Verification includes:
 - ➡ Two patient identifiers
 - ➡ Site, including marking
 - ➡ Procedure
 - ➡ Patient position, if appropriate
 - ➡ Equipment/implants present, if appropriate
 - ➡ Imaging data, if appropriate

Time Out occurs:

- Prior to initiation of surgery
- Prior to the start of each procedure (if multiple incisions)

Time Out must be documented.