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PURPOSE:

To ensure patient safety in the operating room and to avoid or at least minimize surgical errors.

LEVEL:

Surgical Complex Staff


DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Time Out – represents the final recapitulation and reassurance of accurate patient identity, surgical site, and planned procedure.

Surgical Team – consists of doctors with different levels of training responsibility, working alongside other healthcare professionals (anesthesiologist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, operating room nurse, surgical technicians, residents or medical students) with different roles and responsibilities.

POLICY:

1. Circulating nurse shall ensure that the right patient is identified using the patient identifiers.
2. Circulating nurse shall counter-check the scheduled procedure with the doctor's order in the patient's chart.
3. With the assistance of the patient, the surgeon shall verify the correct surgical site and marks it in a manner that will be visible after the patient is draped.
4. Marking shall be done by the surgeon by writing "YES" on the surgical site using a surgical marker by the surgeon. This is usually done upon securing a consent from the patient.

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5. A time out shall be completed immediately before the procedure begins. This is when the surgical team verifies the correct patient, procedure, and site. Any concern shall be resolved before proceeding.

DOCUMENTATION:

New Policy


DISSEMINATION:

Staff Orientation








Policies and Procedures Manual


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PURPOSE:

To provide a standard procedure on patient safety in the operating room and to avoid or at least minimize surgical errors.

SCOPE:


Applies to all Surgical Complex and Nursing Service Division staff of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

All Surgical Suites Personnel, Nurses, Doctors, Auxiliary


PROCEDURE:

- 1 Upon arrival in the OR, the circulating nurse verifies the patient using the patient identifiers:
 - 1.1 Asks the patient to state her name
 - 1.2 Asks the patient to give her date of birth
 - 1.3 Checks the patient's name band
- 2 Circulating nurse counter-checks the patient's chart and confirms the scheduled procedure with the doctor's order.
- 3 Upon confirming, circulating nurse assesses and checks the planned surgical site if properly marked by the surgeon.
- 4 Before proceeding with the procedure, the surgical team declares a time out and resolves any concern.





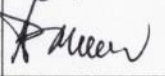
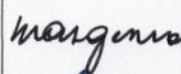
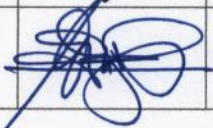
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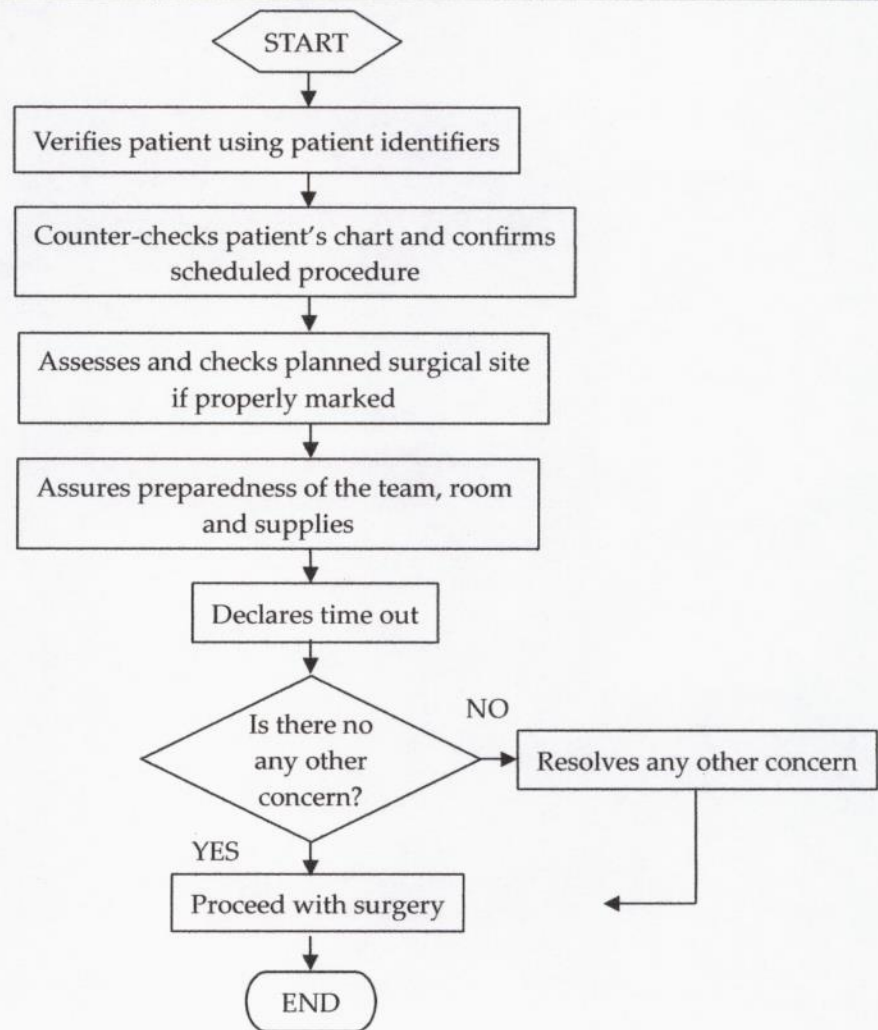



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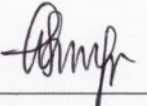


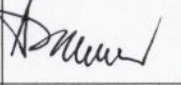
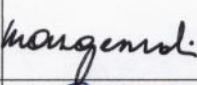

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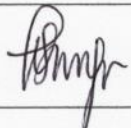

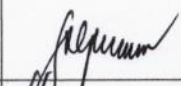
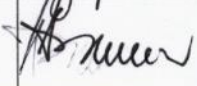
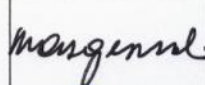
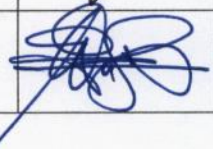
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KEY TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1. Verifies the patient using the patient identifiers by asking the patient to state his/ her name, date of birth and by checking the patient's name band	Circulating Nurse
2. Counter-checks the patient's chart and confirms the scheduled procedure with the doctor's order	Circulating Nurse
3. Assesses and checks the planned surgical site if properly marked by the surgeon	Circulating Nurse
4. Declares time out and resolves any concern before proceeding with the procedure	Surgical Team

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