PATIENT SAFETY AUTHORITY
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Facility name:

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Wrong-Site Surgery Prevention Observational Monitoring Tool

Perform 10 unannounced observations of operating room (OR) cases, preferably orthopedic with laterality, spinal, eye, and other procedures on extremities. Exclude cardiac and upper abdominal surgeries.

For each blank box, indicate: *Yes* if element/action was completed as described, *No* if element/action was not completed as described, or *N/A* if not applicable. Document time in minutes where indicated.

Scheduling/Consent (a standardized form is suggested)	CASE #1	CASE #2	CASE #3	CASE #4	CASE #5	CASE #6	CASE #7	CASE #8	CASE #9	CASE #10
Exact description of procedure was on OR schedule (including site, level, side, digit)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Exact description of procedure was on consent (including site, level, side, digit)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consent was completed (including exact procedure, all required signatures, dates)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Preoperative Verification (a standardized checklist is suggested)	CASE #1	CASE #2	CASE #3	CASE #4	CASE #5	CASE #6	CASE #7	CASE #8	CASE #9	CASE #10
Verification and documentation were completed independently by at least two providers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Verification included OR schedule	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Verification included consent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Verification included history and physical (H&P)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Verification included patient's understanding of the procedure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site Marking	CASE #1	CASE #2	CASE #3	CASE #4	CASE #5	CASE #6	CASE #7	CASE #8	CASE #9	CASE #10
Duration for the surgeon to complete the verification process and marking process	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)
OR staff member marking the site used his or her initials	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site marking occurred after reconciliation of all documents (schedule, consent, H&P)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site marking occurred before administration of sedative and/or anesthesia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site marking included discussion with patient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site marking was visible after patient was positioned, prepped, and draped	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Site marking was confirmed by intraoperative imaging, if for vertebrae, ribs, or ureters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Time-Out (a standardized tool is suggested)	CASE #1	CASE #2	CASE #3	CASE #4	CASE #5	CASE #6	CASE #7	CASE #8	CASE #9	CASE #10
Duration to complete the time-out	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(MINUTES)
A separate time-out was conducted prior to regional or local anesthesia, if applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The final time-out was conducted after patient was positioned, prepped, and draped	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All documents (schedule, consent, H&P) were verified during time-out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Diagnostic, radiology, and pathology results were verified during time-out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Surgeon was engaged during time-out—all work stopped and verbal acknowledgement occurred	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anesthesia provider was engaged during time-out—all work except ventilation stopped and verbal acknowledgement occurred	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nurses were engaged during time-out—all work stopped and verbal acknowledgement occurred	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Surgeon encouraged the entire surgical team to speak up if there were any concerns	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OR Turnover	CASE #1	CASE #2	CASE #3	CASE #4	CASE #5	CASE #6	CASE #7	CASE #8	CASE #9	CASE #10
All patient information and specimens were removed from the OR before the next patient arrived	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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