

# Statewide Survey of Elements in Facilities' Wrong-Site Surgery Prevention Programs

ELEMENT	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITIES WITH WRONG-SITE SURGERIES			FACILITIES WITH NO WRONG-SITE SURGERIES			SIGNIF. (P LESS THAN)	OVERALL PERCENT COMPLY
		YES	NO	YES (%)	YES	NO	YES (%)		
The consent must include the correct patient name.	Hospitals	24	3	89%	37	0	100%	0.05	98%
The consent must include the correct patient name.	All	34	3	92%	96	0	100%	0.01	98%
The consent must include the exact description of the procedure.	Hospitals	24	3	89%	37	0	100%	0.05	98%
The consent must include the exact description of the procedure.	All	34	3	92%	96	0	100%	0.01	98%
The consent must include the site or side, if applicable.	Hospitals	23	4	85%	37	0	100%	0.05	96%
The consent must include the site or side, if applicable.	All	33	4	89%	95	1	99%	0.01	96%
The required standardized checklist prior to the day of surgery, for documentation of the preoperative verification and reconciliation, includes the schedule.	All	15	9	63%	45	9	83%	0.05	77%
Site marking occurs after reconciliation of all relevant documents.	Hospitals	16	10	62%	33	4	89%	0.01	73%
Time out prior to procedure, involving entire surgical team, after prep and drape, requires the surgeon to request other members of the operating room (OR) team to speak up if their understanding is different than stated during the time out.	Ambulatory surgical facilities	4	6	40%	35	11	76%	0.05	68%
Required verification of the identity of the specimen in OR must include the patient name.	All	23	6	79%	69	4	95%	0.05	90%
Site marking involves alert patient or surrogate.*	All	34	2	94%	69	23	75%	0.05	80%
Intraoperative time out to verify spine or rib level, if applicable, requires verification by fluoroscopy or radiograph (x-ray) with radiopaque marker firmly affixed by operating surgeon.*	All	25	11	69%	31	48	39%	0.01	49%

\* Percentage of elements was higher in facilities with wrong-site surgeries.

For more information, visit <http://www.psa.state.pa.us>.

These results accompany the following:

Quarterly update on the preventing wrong-site surgery project.

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