



“Show Me the Mark”

Willamette Falls Hospital suggests a creative idea for double-checking surgical sites. They have added a quick initial step for healthcare professionals working with patients having surgery.

Prior to any intervention or procedure with a patient in the surgical suite, such as prepping the area, the healthcare professional would request, “*Show me the mark,*” to verify the surgical site. Two healthcare professionals then agree to the accuracy of the marked site before proceeding with, for example, a local block.

This quick double-check complements the usual Time Out, and adds an additional safeguard without slowing down the normal OR flow.