

An innovative approach to the surgical time out: a patient-focused model.

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The [surgical time out](#) has been advocated [globally](#) as a strategy to improve team communication and reduce errors. This commentary discusses the development of a [checklist](#) for use before, during, and after surgery that engages patients and families in the process. The authors review the results of the program since its inception in 2011 which includes no incidents of [wrong-site surgeries](#).