### Before Induction of Anesthesia

- **Nurse** and **Anesthesia Professional** verify:
  - Patient identification (name and DOB)
  - Surgical site
  - Surgical procedure to be performed matches the consent
  - Site marked
  - Known allergies
  - Patient positioning
  - Essential imaging available
  - Risk of hypothermia (if operation >1 hour)
    - Warmer in place
  - Risk of venous thromboembolism
    - Boots in place and/or anticoagulants
  - Anesthesia safety check completed

### ANESTHESIA BRIEFING

- **Anesthesia Professional** shares:
  - Anticipated airway or aspiration risk
  - Risk of significant blood loss
    - Two IVs/central access and fluids planned
    - Type and crossmatch/screen
  - Blood availability

### Before Skin Incision

**TIME OUT**

- **Circulating Nurse** asks:
  
  "Is everyone ready to perform the time out? Please state your name and role."

- **Entire Surgical Team** confirms:
  - Patient name
  - Surgical procedure to be performed
  - Surgical site
  - Essential imaging available
  - Antibiotic prophylaxis given within the last 60 minutes
    - Antibiotic redosing plan discussed

### TEAM BRIEFING

- **Surgeon** shares:
  - Operative plan
  - Possible difficulties
  - Expected duration
  - Anticipated blood loss
  - Implants or special equipment needed

- **Anesthesia Professional** shares:
  - Anesthetic plan
  - Airway concerns
  - Other concerns

- **Circulating Nurse** and **Scrub Tech** share:
  - Sterility, including indicator results
  - Equipment issues
  - Other concerns

- **Surgeon** asks:
  
  "Does anybody have any concerns? If you see something that concerns you during this case, please speak up."

### Before Patient Leaves Room

- **Nurse** reviews with team:
  - Instrument, sponge, and needle counts
  - Name of the procedure performed

- **Nurse** reads aloud to team:
  - Specimen labeling, including patient’s name

### TEAM DEBRIEFING

- **Entire Surgical Team** discusses:
  - Key concerns for patient recovery and management
  - Equipment problems that need to be addressed
  - Other opportunities for improvement

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