Block Time Out Precaution

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| **NOTES: This standard work process begins prior to the patient entering the Operating Room and continues throughout the procedure** |
| **Who must adopt this process: All Healthcare providers for Surgical and Invasive Procedures** |
| **GOAL: Eliminate All Wrong Events: Procedure, Site, Side, Patient, Implant** |
| **TASK DESCRIPTION:**It is the expectation that team members have introduced themselves by name and role and that if any safety concerns arise at any time during the procedure, that they are brought to the attention of the team. |
| 1. The **Block Time Out** should be completed using a standardized format.

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| **The Block Time Out is required regardless of the location where the block is taking place.****(e.g., pre-op, PACU, OR, etc.)** |
| **PRIOR TO SEDATION** |
| Operator | Task Description | Resource |
| Nurse, Anesthesia and Patient | **Confirm:*** Patient Name and Date of Birth
* Operative plan stating the procedure, site, level and laterality (as applicable)
 | Patient armband, Surgical/procedural consent |
| Nurse and Anesthesia Provider | **Confirm:*** Block plan including procedure, site, level and laterality
* Contraindications to block procedure
* Allergies
 | To be read from Surgical/procedural consent |
| **A Time Out must be performed before each procedure if two procedures are being performed at different sites on the same patient or the person performing the procedure changes.** |
| **PRE-MEDICATION VERIFICATION** |
| Anesthesia Provider and Nurse | **Confirm:*** Medications being administered
* Allergies Verified
* Expiration date confirmed
* Syringes labeled
* Monitors applied if sedation used
 | Meds, med prep supplies, label(s), patient medical record, patient allergy armband |
| **IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO INJECTION** |
| Anesthesia Provider and Nurse | **Confirm:*** Procedure and laterality
* Block site marking is visible and correct after patient is prepped and draped
* Surgeon site marking has been completed and aligns with intended block **(Required for blocks occurring in the OR)**
 | Anesthesia Consent, Operative Consent |