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- The pre-operative nursing staff ensures the patient's response, informed consent, and doctor's orders for dilation all match for the operative eye.
- The surgeon discusses with the patient the appropriate procedure and ensures that the appropriate eye is marked.

Operating Room

- The office chart notes are available in the operating room.
- Prior to draping, a time out is performed verifying:
 - Patient's name
 - Patient's birth date
 - Procedure
 - Operative eye
 - Lens implant style
 - Lens implant power
- Prior to draping, circulating nurse ensures that operative plan is visible so that the surgeon can read it while gowned and gloved.
- The circulating nurse writes the patient's name, operative eye, IOL style, and IOL power on the white board.

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