



Summary of Changes Report – January 2007

Safe Site Protocol for All Invasive, High-Risk, or Surgical Procedures

Protocol, Description and Highlights, Special Considerations, Footnotes

Created two algorithms, one for OR Procedures and one for Non-OR/Bedside (including Ambulatory).

Reorganized the entire protocol to follow the algorithms. Moved the information in the Clinical Highlights to the Introduction and created new Clinical Highlights.

Laterality Definition Specified that laterality is always referenced in regard to the patient's right or left.

Special Considerations) Added two new Special Considerations; one on anatomical variation as a contributing factor that can increase the risk of an error and the second is there are events within a department, between departments or outside of an organization that can cause wrong site or wrong procedure error.

- * 3) Added a new section on the verification process for anesthesia prior to the administration of any sedation or regional anesthesia.
- * 5&6) Added more information on the types of documentation used to resolve a discrepancy in patient ID, procedure, and/or site (including laterality).
- * 12) Added specifics and created subsection of Who, What, When, Where, and How the Time Out Verification process should be performed.

22) Added information for Non-OR and Bedside procedures where only one clinician may be involved with the patient during the whole procedure.

Priority Aims & Suggested Measures, Measurement Specifications

Reorganized the Priority Aims to show Outcome Measures and Process Measures.

- * 1c and 2c) Added two outcome measures on near misses per month.
- 3) Added new process aim on adherence to key components of the safe site protocol. Added three measurement specifications to support this aim.

Support for Implementation

Added an entire section on Key Implementation Recommendations.

**An asterisk indicates any changes in clinical practice recommendations*