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A Checklist for Safety

- _____ Surgeon involves the patient in confirming the operative site during the marking of the operative site by the surgeon. Copies of the operative permit/informed consent form should state the site and side of surgery.

- _____ Surgeon signs initials to the operative site in permanent marking pen.

- _____ Other members of the operative team verify the correct site.

- _____ Surgeon verifies that X-rays and medical records are for the correct patient, as well as confirming the identity of the patient.

- _____ Immediate members of the operative team double-checks each of the following items against the marked site:
 - _____ Medical records

 - _____ X-rays and other imaging studies

 - _____ Informed consent

 - _____ Operating room/anesthesia record

 - _____ Correct equipment/implant/device available

 - _____ In spine surgery or when the bone or level is not identifiable visually, surgeon takes intraoperative X-ray using markers that do not move to confirm the site.

Complete all the items on this page. Relying on a single preventive effort only can result in errors!

Patient Name: _____

Physician: _____

Procedure(s): _____ Date: _____

Signature of Person Completing the Checklist: _____