

## TIP OF THE WEEK # 58

### Time Out

“Time out” is the final step in the pre-operation / pre-procedure verification system. “Time out” means a temporary pause to check the identity of the patient and the type of procedure about to be performed. According to the Universal Protocol, “time out” includes, at a minimum, active participation by the physician / surgeon, anesthesiologist (when applicable), and the qualified nurse / technologist (circulating nurse in the operating room).

“Time out” is a simple and effective method of preventing wrong surgeries or procedures. Sometimes, it's the simple things that work best.

More details can be found in the AUBMC Pre-operative / Pre-procedure Verification Policy (*COP-MUL-003*) thru the following link:

[https://his.aub.edu.lb/accrm/policies/AUBMC\\_Pre-op\\_Pre-proc\\_Verif\\_0407\\_2nd%20Ed..pdf](https://his.aub.edu.lb/accrm/policies/AUBMC_Pre-op_Pre-proc_Verif_0407_2nd%20Ed..pdf)