

## TIP OF THE WEEK # 64

### Skin Marking

According to the “Universal Protocol”, performing site (skin) marking and conducting “Time-out” properly are two patient safety practices that contribute to preventing wrong surgery. All surgical and invasive procedures require that Physicians (attending or resident staff), involve their patients and mark the skin, on the surgical site, using their initials, so that these will be visible after placement of the surgical drapes.

Therefore, starting March 23, 2009, the Accreditation Office is launching a skin marking campaign. All Medical staff (Attendings and Residents) are requested to implement the policy on Pre-operative / Pre-procedure Verification (COP-MUL-003). The policy can be reached by the link below. Skin marking should be performed prior to surgery (as indicated), with patient involvement, preferably at the time of signing the Informed Consent.

[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)