



Time-Out Briefing Card

The one-minute script the coordinator reads before skin incision. Pocket size when folded; four copies per sheet

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"Surgeon, please confirm the patient, the site and the procedure." —
Anaesthetist and nurse confirm aloud.
"Surgeon: critical steps, expected duration, expected blood loss?"
"Anaesthetist: any concerns specific to this patient?"
"Nursing: sterility confirmed? Any equipment concerns?"
"Antibiotic given in the last 60 minutes?"
"Imaging displayed?"
"Any other concerns? — Then we proceed."

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Cut along the lines. Laminate.

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