

RECOMMEND BEST PRACTICES - WRONG SITE SURGERY

RE: CLIENT SAFETY

Both Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality encourage and suggest facilities develop processes to assure the correct surgical site, patient and procedure. Follow this link to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality for a chapter on wrong site surgery:

www.ahrq.gov/qual/nursesfdbk/docs/MulloyD_WSS.pdf

Reference:

Malloy, D.F.; Hughes, R.G (2008). *Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses*. Chapter 36. Wrong-site surgery: A preventable medical error. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Retrieved from the World Wide Web on January 23, 2009.