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Rationale:
• Patient safety
• World Health Organization recommendations
• Quality blue reimbursement

Brief Process:
Pre-op Brief:
• Preinduction
• In OR with patient
• Includes anesthesia provider and circulating nurse

Intra-op Brief:
• Official timeout
• Before incision
• Includes all members of the periop team engaged

Post-op Brief:
• Prior to surgeon leaving the OR
• Prior to the patient leaving the OR
• Includes all members of perioperative team engaged

Implementation:
• Form a Brief team representing all disciplines involved
• Created Brief Form utilizing WHO recommendations
• Educated perioperative staff
• Piloted process at one campus for four months in two specialties before piloting process in all specialties
• Extended the pilot to all campuses in two specialties for three months before implementing the process in all specialties
• Audited compliance with perioperative team members

Challenges:
• Correct completion of brief form
• Compliance with all disciplines to process
• Delay in patient care flow due to learning curve of new process
• Communicating sensitive information to team members while patient is awake

Outcome:
• Successful implementation and compliance with all disciplines at all three campuses, in all specialties
• Communication improved patient safety and prevented several potential errors from accruing

Teamwork!