

Hasbro ED Universal Protocol Guideline

Wrong site, wrong procedure, wrong person surgery can be prevented. This Universal Protocol is intended to achieve that goal. It is based on the consensus of experts from the relevant clinical specialties and professional disciplines and is endorsed by more than 40 professional medical associations and organizations.

The Universal Protocol for eliminating wrong site, wrong procedure, and wrong person surgery includes three steps:

Pre-procedure verification process

An ongoing process of information gathering and verification, beginning with the determination to do the procedure, continuing through all settings and interventions involved in the pre-procedure preparation of the patient, up to and including the “time out” just before the start of the procedure.

Marking the operative site

For procedures involving right/left distinction, multiple structures (such as fingers and toes), or multiple levels (as in spinal procedures), the intended site must be marked such that the mark will be visible after the patient has been prepped and draped.

“Time out” immediately before starting the procedure

- A final verification of the correct patient, procedure, site and, as applicable, implants.
- Active communication among all members of the surgical/procedure team, consistently initiated by a designated member of the team, conducted in a “fail-safe” mode, i.e., the procedure is not started until any questions or concerns are resolved.
- If laboratory specimens are to be collected (e.g. CSF, synovial fluid), it should be determined prior initiation of procedure who is responsible for labeling and sending the specimens to the laboratory.

Common Hasbro ED procedures that REQUIRE Universal Protocol:

- Lumbar Puncture
- Moderate Sedation
- Arterial Line
- Deep laceration repair below the level of the fascia
- Chest Tube Placement
- Arthrocentesis

Common Hasbro ED procedures that DO NOT require the Universal Protocol:

- Superficial Laceration repair
- Closed fracture reduction *without* sedation
- Intubation
- G-Tube or suprapubic tube replacement
- NG Tube placement
- Removal of visible foreign body that has not violated the mucosa (includes nasal, ear, skin)
- Foley Insertion
- Abscess I&D
- Nerve Blocks
- Nail trephination

*Assume that all other procedures not explicitly mention above require universal protocol to be followed

Formal Written Consent is required for ALL procedures that require the Universal Protocol.

Life-saving, emergent procedures: require universal protocol to be completed afterwards by completing “Emergent Situation” justification.