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If time is money, following these steps to ensure correct procedures is a sound investment.

Days to hours  
before procedure



### Step 1:

**Time needed to fill out the consent form:**

5 minutes



### Step 2:

**Time needed to mark the site:**

1 minute

Just before entering  
operating theatre  
or treatment room



### Step 3:

**Time needed to identify the correct patient:**

1 minute



Immediately prior  
to procedure



### Step 4:

**Time needed for a pre-surgery "team time out":**

2 minutes



### Step 5:

**Time needed to verify imaging data is correct:**

3 minutes

Time you didn't spend telling a patient that you fixed something that wasn't broken: **invaluable!**