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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!**