

# Preventing wrong-site surgery course

## Introduction

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## Activity summary

- Activity title: Preventing wrong-site surgery
- Release date: 2021-06-01
- Expiration date: 2024-06-01
- Estimated time to complete activity: 2 hours
- This course is accessible with any web browser.
- This course is jointly provided by Pacific Medical Training and Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM). You may reach PIM at [inquiries@pimed.com](mailto:inquiries@pimed.com)

## Target audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists, dentists, and other members of the surgical team involved in the care of patients undergoing surgical procedures or in the prevention of wrong-site surgery events.

## Educational objectives

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of what defines a wrong-site surgery and the scope of the problem.
- Discuss the impact that wrong-site surgery events have on the patient, healthcare providers, and facility.
- Outline The Joint Commission's role in patient safety.

- Explain the difference between the Universal Protocol and Sentinel Event Policy.
- Describe the importance of identifying the source of wrong-site surgery.
- Identify the four main causes of wrong-site surgery events.
- Explain the need for solutions to prevent wrong-site surgery events.
- Describe all three steps designed to ensure the correct patient identity, procedure, and surgical site.
- Recognize the importance of augmenting policies and procedures at the facility level to prevent wrong-site surgery events.

## Faculty

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## Reviewers

- Emanuel Newmark, M.D, FACS was an uncompensated reviewer.
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