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Columbus Community Hospital to Recognize National Time Out Day on June 12

For Immediate Release

(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) will recognize National Time Out Day on Wednesday, June 12.

National Time Out Day was created to raise awareness and remind health care providers to recommit to the practice of taking a time out before operations and other invasive procedures.

The motto of this year’s recognition is “Safe Surgery Together: For Every Patient, Every Time.”

The National Time Out Day initiative builds greater awareness among surgical team members about the critical steps that keep patients safe. Its goal is to prevent errors by ensuring that all members of the surgical team pause before invasive procedures, so they can communicate as a group and confirm key information about the patient and the procedure.

This simple practice can improve patient safety and reduce instances of wrong-site, wrong-patient or wrong-procedure surgeries. Though wrong-patient, wrong-site and wrong-procedure surgeries are rare, they can be life altering for patients.

Since 2004, National Time Out Day has been recognized by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), the world’s largest professional association for perioperative nurses, and the Joint Commission, an independent, not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies U.S. health care organizations and programs.

It is the 15th anniversary of National Time Out Day and the event will be recognized in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers across the country.

For more information on how CCH is dedicated to providing safe surgical procedures, visit www.columbushosp.org.

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