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Cottage Hospital says “Time Out”

Woodsville, NH – Cottage Hospital recognized National Time Out Day on June 17, 2009. Surgical Director, Pat Thayer, reminded the staff of the importance of the time out process and why it was developed. She stated “this is a great opportunity to remind every member of the surgical team and staff how critical it is to take a time out for patient safety - confirm correct patient, correct procedure, correct consent and correct surgical site before every procedure, as patient safety is a number one goal.”

National Time Out Day began to raise awareness about the importance of requiring the entire surgical team—including physicians, nurses, anesthesia and surgical technologists—to pause before all invasive procedures to communicate as a group and confirm key information about the patient and procedure to help prevent errors from occurring.

This year, the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN) has collaborated with the American Nurses Association, the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities, the Council on Surgical & Perioperative Safety, and The Joint Commission to create a poster to remind professionals, health care providers, and administrators that "Every Day is Time Out Day."

Maryanne Aldrich, Chief Community Relations Officer affirmed that “Cottage Hospital appreciates the opportunity to recognize national healthcare related days. It gives us an opportunity to thank our staff for their hard work and attentiveness to our patients and details, while acknowledging the initiatives that will continue to make us a better healthcare facility.

Cottage Hospital is a 25 bed, critical access hospital serving the beautiful Upper Connecticut River Valley. For additional information regarding Cottage Hospital and any of our services, visit us on the web at www.cottagehospital.org, or call (603)747-9000.