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Wendee Algieri, RN, OR Supervisor and Dr. Alexander Stein demonstrate the OR's commitment to Time Out.

## **St. Mary OR Observes National “Time Out” Day**

(Long Beach, CA 6-17-10) St. Mary Medical Center's PeriOperative Services Department participated in National Time Out Day on June 16<sup>th</sup>, which is designed to increase awareness of and compliance to taking time for every patient, every time, before the start of a surgical procedure. The Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses, (AORN) the largest membership organization of

operating room nurses in the United States, is drawing on its ability to influence patient safety practices in the OR with the national launch of a “Time Out Commitment” campaign. Time out allows the entire surgical team to verify the correct person, procedure, and site.

Dr. Alexander Stein, St. Mary OR Chief Surgeon, said, “At St. Mary we honor National Time Out Day. We are committed to patient safety. Our patients can be assured of quality care and are treated with the utmost respect and professionalism.” St. Mary OR nurses signed a pledge of commitment to the Time Out campaign and are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of their patients, preventing wrong site, wrong procedure, and wrong person surgeries.

Due to the size of its membership, AORN expects the Time Out Commitment campaign to reduce the risk of surgical errors in thousands of hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers across the United States.