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Ensure that you have the correct patient by checking record, and identification collar around neck.

Check record for correct operative site then verify with member of operative team.

With clippers shave a generous area around the surgical site. Vacuum shaved hair to reduce contamination of prepped surgical site.

Cleanse surgical site and surrounding area with an approved surgical scrubbing agent. Exam gloves should be worn to reduce contamination of surgical site.

Patient can now be transported to surgical suite, positioned on surgical table, and sterile prep performed.

Open sterile prep basin and sponges and don sterile gloves.

Using an approved surgical scrubbing agent, perform sterile scrub. Apply scrubbing agent liberally to surgical site with sterile sponge. Start at incision site and continue outward toward unshaved hairline. Discard sponge and repeat several times with new sponge allowing product to remain on skin at least two minutes.

Using dry sterile sponge, wipe away excess scrub solution from surgical site using the same technique as above.

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