

My written submission is a collection of 4 limericks that showcase four scenarios in the Operating Room that I believe are important for perioperative nurses to stand for patient safety and excellence in surgical practice. The four scenarios are as follows (but not limited to): Surgical count, traffic control, anaesthesia rushing to get the patient out of the room, and the surgical time out.

Something important to not neglect
A standard to hold dear and protect
Counting sponges once then twice
Both audibly and concise
Waiting to hear "The count is correct!"

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The door to the suite slides open wide
Much to the dismay of those inside
It's with kindness that I plea
"Do you see that new knee?"
"IPC precautions we must abide"

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The patient is shaking and cold
"Time is money!" the Anesthetist scolds
A warm blanket in hand
Here I take a stand
"Their comfort is priceless" I say controlled

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"Oi! Be attentive and quiet" I shout
"Stop blathering and mucking about"
"Listen up my peers"
"Open up your ears"
"It's time to do the time out"

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