Healthcare Organization Commitment

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TEAM - Briefing

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Commitment Summary
The TEAM - Project introduces pre-operative anesthesiologic briefings to enhance team communication and reduce the potential for medical error.

Commitment Description & Detail
With human factors issues and team communication taking a larger role in patient safety, we are currently researching how to implement proven tools from other industries (such as aviation) in medical routine practice. We try to implement a preoperative anesthesiologic briefing covering key elements of the WHO checklist as well as specific organizational and logistical issues, enhance team member awareness and further communication between individuals. This should lead to optimized team performance, reducing medical errors and omission while saving time and streamlining the preoperative induction of anesthesia.

Action Plan
We are currently trying to scientifically demonstrate the benefits of a structured, formal approach including a standardized briefing using a Human Patient Simulator. After successful completion of this phase and further approval of our ethics committee, we'll field test our approach in our hospital during the 2016FY.

Commitment Timeline
Phase 1- Simulator feasibility study Spring/Summer 2016 Phase 2 - Field test Fall/Winter 2016 Preliminary Report - Spring 2017 Final Report - Summer 2017