SAFETY CHECKLIST TO AVOID: “NEVER EVER EVENTS (NEE)” in OPHTHALMIC SURGERY

Never Ever Events (NEE) are surgeries that involve the:
- Wrong patient (same/similar names!)
- Wrong eye, or
- Wrong procedure (this includes wrong lens implant)

These are theoretical threats for every procedure, particularly for high volume centers.

RECOMMENDED CHECK LIST TO AVOID “NEVER EVER EVENTS (NEE)”: 

1.) Surgeons, anesthetists, nurses and allied health personnel must be aware of such risks.

2.) “TIME OUT”: Safety steps prior to starting surgical case:
   a. Identify patient (Patient name, birth date, operative eye)
   b. Mark correct eye as long as patient is alert,
   c. Confirm site after surgical masking
   d. Confirm procedure and correct lens implant style and power

Checklist of each point by surgeon in writing, on a piece of paper attached to the chart
Office chart notes are available in operating room

3.) Enucleation of eyes with posterior tumors only after ophthalmoscopy performed both before and after masking the operative site by the surgeon and assistant