Operative Procedure Time Definitions

- **Total Case Time:** Total time from patient into room to patient out of room.
- **Total Procedure Time:** Total time from incision to skin closure.
- **Prep Time:** Time to position, drape, and administer anesthesia.
- **Emergence Time:** Time for anesthesia wake-up before transfer to the recovery room.
- **Critical Portion of a Case:** The critical/key portion of the procedure can be variable depending on patient anatomy and the pathology being addressed. Surgical Services have established a definition of the critical components of most standard operative procedures on their service. In the absence of specifically defined critical components of a surgical procedure by the Service leadership, the critical components will be determined by the attending surgeon.