



**Tammie Moritz, PA-C**  
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Recognized for her dedication to patient safety  
by the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority

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# Patient Safety

**Tammie Moritz** is committed to patient safety at Forbes Hospital, part of Allegheny Health Network.

A patient was scheduled to have surgery on the left side of her neck to prevent a stroke. Upon chart review and discussion with the patient, who was slightly confused, there was a question as to which side of the neck was to be operated on. Tammie initiated a “hard stop” at this point and pulled the patient’s records so the surgeon could review them.

It was discovered that the patient should have surgery on the right side of her neck to prevent a stroke, not the left.

Join the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority in congratulating Tammie Moritz for her diligent efforts to prevent a wrong-site surgery.



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