

# *The Importance of Preoperative Communication*

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## Outline:

- I. Introduction:
  - a. IONM is a great profession
  - b. "Trouble in River City"
  - c. Our profession is under attack
  - d. Misperceptions regarding IONM
  - e. Are we partially to blame?
  - f. The solution is multi-faceted
  - g. How can improving **Preoperative Communication** be part of the solution?
  
- II. Preoperative Communication:
  - a. Prior to the Date of Surgery
    - i. Proposed Additions to our Texas Society
  - b. On the Date of Surgery
  
- III. Conclusion:
  - a. Lack of proper communication leads to erroneous assumptions that have several negative impacts on our profession and on optimal patient care.
  - b. Be Qualified. Monitor the right thing. Communicate.