Joint Commission: Speak Up: **When you’re having surgery** 1:30

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(Voice fades out during above dialog)

(Lightning, storms, Simon “whooooaaa”)

Voiceover: “**Talk to you doctor or surgeon about your surgery. Ask about your surgeon’s experience, possible complications, and if there are alternative treatments.**”

Simon: “**Compass, check..water bottle, check.. GPS with Barometer and Altimeter..check.”**

Voiceover: “**Ask someone to be with you to make sure you are getting the care you need and help you feel comfortable.**”

James: “**You didn’t have anything to eat or drink since midnight, right?”**

Simon: “**Nope**”

Advocate: “**Man, I’m stuffed from that Huevos Rancheros.”**

Simon: “**I wouldn’t eat that if I could**”

Voiceover: “**The staff will ask you many questions.**”

Nurse: “**What is your name and date of birth?”**

Simon: “**Simon Hubble September 8th, 1966 the first time Star Trek aired**”

Nurse: “**I love that, what type of surgery are you having?”**

Simon: “**It’s my knee... I tore my meniscus while rock climbing... (Voice fades out)**

**Surgeon (Female from below) enters room.**

Voiceover: “**The surgeon will ask you to repeat your name and date of birth, and the site of your surgery will be marked.”**

[Surgeon marks site using his or her initials]

Surgeon: “**I’ll see you in the OR. We’ll take good care of you.”**

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Voiceover: “When your doctor recommends surgery, it can make you feel alone and afraid.”
“Taking steps to be prepared will help you feel more in control...”

Voiceover: “Preparation is key.
Like any important event, surgery is something you need to prepare for mentally and physically.”
Voiceover: “By speaking up, you can feel more confident and better prepared for your surgery and recovery. So Speak Up!

Nurse (to James): “Will you be helping your dad at home during his recovery?”
James: “Yes, I’ll be there for ice pack replacement and Star Trek Marathons”
Nurse: “Sounds perfect! (Turns to Simon) Well, Simon, we’ve reviewed your therapy, prescriptions, and instructions. So, can you repeat back to me how often you’re supposed to take your pain medicine?”