Have you "Paused & Checked"?

IR(ME)R Operator checklist for Administration of Radioisotopes for Molecular Imaging Procedures

P	Patient	Check the procedure is justified Check patient records for recent studies, duplication or cancellation requests Confirm patient ID, always use a minimum of 3 unique identifiers Establish pregnancy and/or breast feeding status as appropriate; issue written information about breast feeding if required Confirm the anticipated procedure with the patient and ensure they understand it Confirm preparation compliance and any relevant medical history, including any contraindications Confirm the patient has not had a similar procedure recently Confirm patients weight and height as appropriate
A	Anatomy	Select the correct anatomical area Ensure the patient is comfortable
U	User Checks	Confirm all relevant equipment has passed the daily QA tests Confirm the imaging procedure is being completed at the correct date and time Confirm the exposure has been authorised Check the requirements for the correct Radiopharmaceutical/Radioactive Medicinal Product (RMP) selection and activity (DRL) required for administration Check the exposure to the carer / comforter is appropriately justified (separately) or authorised according to local written procedures Check radiation safety measures for carers/comforters Ensure patients, carers have been given clear information relating to the benefits and risks prior to the exposure Provide clear information and instructions regarding patient aftercare
S	System & Settings	Check correct isotope setting for the dose calibrator REMEMBER as a final check, immediately prior to RMP administration confirm: (1) patient identity (2) correct protocol (3) RMP (4) activity or DRL required (1)
Е	Exposure	Confirm there is no clinical reason the exposure should not proceed Visually monitor the patient throughout Record dose and reference DRL for radiation procedure
D	Draw to a Close	Complete records as per department protocol

(1) IR(ME)R annual report 2017/18 CQC's enforcement of the lonising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations page 32 https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20181115-IRMER-annual-report-2017-18-FINAL.pdf accessed 27/02/19

