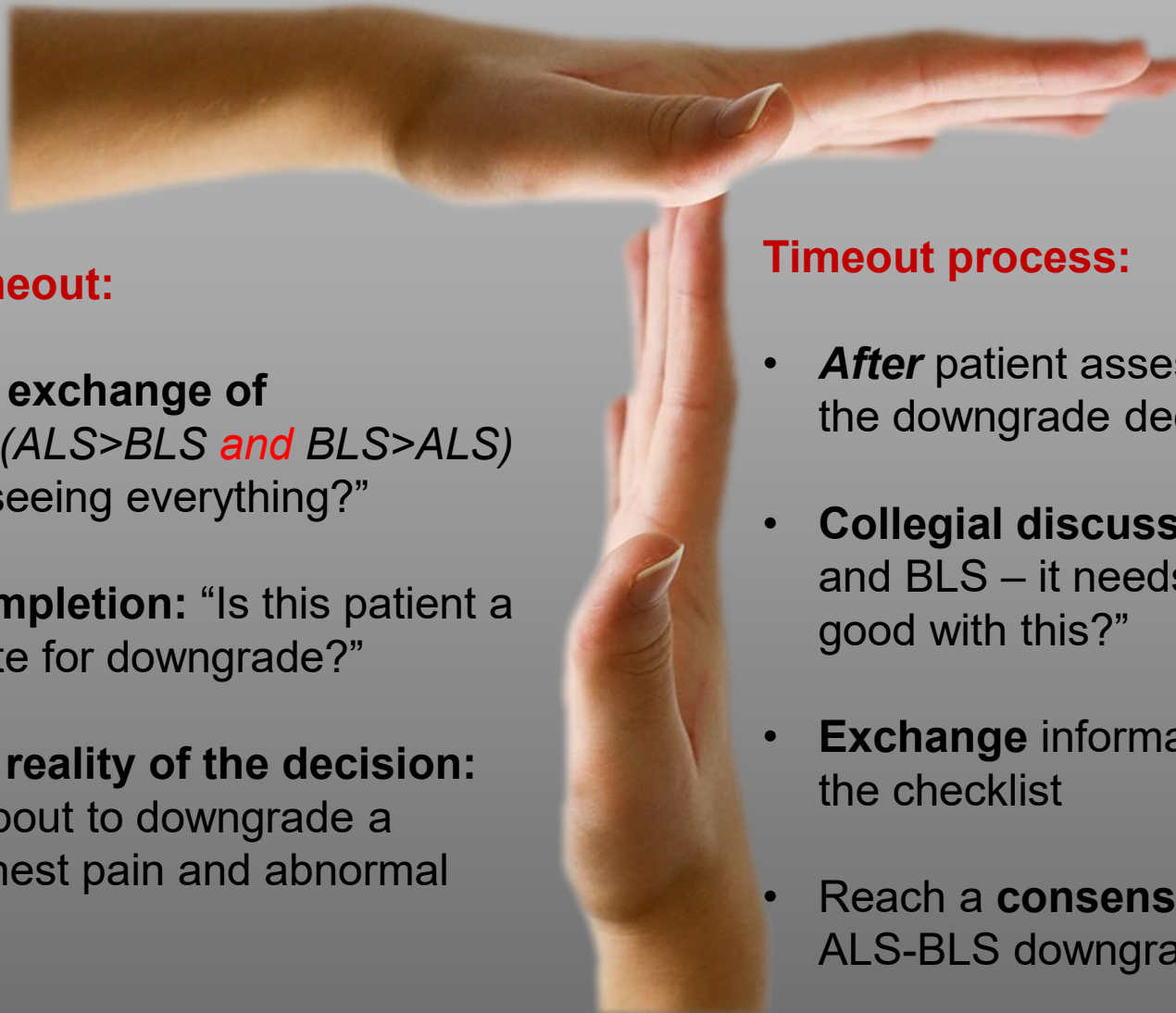




EMIHS 5-minute Lineup Drill

Downgrade Timeout

A *moment of pause* where ALS and BLS come together, share information, and finalize the decision to downgrade



Goals of the timeout:

- **Bidirectional exchange of information:** (ALS>BLS *and* BLS>ALS)
“Is everyone seeing everything?”
- **Checklist completion:** “Is this patient a good candidate for downgrade?”
- **Confront the reality of the decision:**
“Am I really about to downgrade a patient with chest pain and abnormal vital signs?”

Timeout process:

- **After** patient assessment and **before** the downgrade decision is finalized
- **Collegial discussion** between ALS and BLS – it needs to more than “you good with this?”
- **Exchange** information and **complete** the checklist
- Reach a **consensus decision** that ALS-BLS downgrade is appropriate