

SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (FIRST EDITION)

Before induction of anaesthesia ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶ Before skin incision ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶ Before patient leaves operating room

SIGN IN

PATIENT HAS CONFIRMED

- IDENTITY
- SITE
- PROCEDURE
- CONSENT

SITE MARKED/NOT APPLICABLE

ANAESTHESIA SAFETY CHECK COMPLETED

PULSE OXIMETER ON PATIENT AND FUNCTIONING

DOES PATIENT HAVE A:

KNOWN ALLERGY?

NO

YES

DIFFICULT AIRWAY/ASPIRATION RISK?

NO

YES, AND EQUIPMENT/ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

RISK OF >500ML BLOOD LOSS (7ML/KG IN CHILDREN)?

NO

YES, AND ADEQUATE INTRAVENOUS ACCESS AND FLUIDS PLANNED

TIME OUT

CONFIRM ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE INTRODUCED THEMSELVES BY NAME AND ROLE

SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRM

- PATIENT
- SITE
- PROCEDURE

ANTICIPATED CRITICAL EVENTS

SURGEON REVIEWS: WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL OR UNEXPECTED STEPS, OPERATIVE DURATION, ANTICIPATED BLOOD LOSS?

ANAESTHESIA TEAM REVIEWS: ARE THERE ANY PATIENT-SPECIFIC CONCERNS?

NURSING TEAM REVIEWS: HAS STERILITY (INCLUDING INDICATOR RESULTS) BEEN CONFIRMED? ARE THERE EQUIPMENT ISSUES OR ANY CONCERNS?

HAS ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS BEEN GIVEN WITHIN THE LAST 60 MINUTES?

YES

NOT APPLICABLE

IS ESSENTIAL IMAGING DISPLAYED?

YES

NOT APPLICABLE

SIGN OUT

NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRMS WITH THE TEAM:

THE NAME OF THE PROCEDURE RECORDED

THAT INSTRUMENT, SPONGE AND NEEDLE COUNTS ARE CORRECT (OR NOT APPLICABLE)

HOW THE SPECIMEN IS LABELLED (INCLUDING PATIENT NAME)

WHETHER THERE ARE ANY EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE REVIEW THE KEY CONCERNS FOR RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS PATIENT