

Surgical Safety Checklist Printable PDF Survey (by the World Health Organization)

Before induction of anaesthesia

(with at least nurse and anaesthetist)

Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?

(Please check one)

Yes

Is the site marked?

(Please check one)

Yes

Not applicable

Is the anaesthesia machine and medication check complete?

(Please check one)

Yes

Is the pulse oximeter on the patient and functioning?

(Please check one)

Yes

Does the patient have a:

Known allergy

(Please check one)

No

Yes

Difficult airway or aspiration risk?

(Please check one)

Yes

Yes, and equipment/assistance available

Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?

(Please check one)

No

Yes, and two IVs/central access and fluids planned



Before skin incision

(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)

Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role

(Please check one)

Confirm

Confirm the patient's name, procedure, and where the incision will be made.

(Please check one)

Confirm

Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?

(Please check one)

Yes

Not applicable

Anticipated Critical Events

To Surgeon:

(Please check all the boxes that apply)

What are the critical or non-routine steps?

How long will the case take?

What is the anticipated blood loss?

To Anaesthetist:

(Please check one)

Are there any patient-specific concerns?

To Nursing Team:

(Please check all the boxes that apply)

Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed?

Are there equipment issues or any concerns?

Is essential imaging displayed?

(Please check all the boxes that apply)

Option 1

Is essential imaging displayed?

(Please check one)

Yes

Not applicable

Before patient leaves operating room

(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)

Nurse Verbally Confirms:

(Please check all the boxes that apply)

The name of the procedure

Completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts

Specimen labelling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name)

Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed



To Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Nurse:

(Please check all the boxes that apply)

What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?

This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Additions and modifications to fit local practice are encouraged.

The checklist is based on the World Health Organization Patient Survey (Revised 1 / 2009).

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