

# SAFE SURGERY 2015: SOUTH CAROLINA

## Tool 2: Surgical Safety Culture Survey

A. Hospital name: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Are you (or will you be) the person or one of the people responsible for checklist implementation in the ORs where you work?

- Yes  
 No

C. What is your primary professional role?

- Surgeon  
 Anesthesiologist  
 CRNA  
 Surgical nurse  
 Physician assistant  
 Surgical tech  
 Perfusionist  
 Intern/Resident/Fellow  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

D. How many years have you worked in this role (at any hospital)?

- <1  
 1-5  
 6-10  
 >10

E. In which surgical service(s) do you work? (Check all that apply.)

- General  
 Trauma  
 Orthopedic  
 Neurosurgery  
 Cardiac  
 Thoracic  
 Vascular  
 Pediatric  
 ENT  
 Urology  
 Gynecology  
 Ambulatory  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

F. In which service do you work most often? (Check one.)

- N/A: No primary service  
 General  
 Trauma  
 Orthopedic  
 Neurosurgery  
 Cardiac  
 Thoracic  
 Vascular  
 Pediatric  
 ENT  
 Urology  
 Gynecology  
 Ambulatory  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

G. Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes  
 No  
 Decline to answer  
 Unknown

H. Which category best describes your race?

- American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Multiracial  
 Decline to answer  
 Unknown

I. Age:

- 18-25  
 26-35  
 36-45  
 46-55  
 >55  
 Decline to answer

J. Gender:

- Male  
 Female  
 Decline to answer

	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree
1. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members are open to changes that improve patient safety, even if it means slowing down.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
2. In the ORs where I work, the Joint Commission "Time Out" is used in every case by every surgical team.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
3. In the ORs where I work, the Joint Commission "Time Out" was difficult to implement.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
4. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members all agree on the importance of using checklists in surgery.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
5. In the ORs where I work, interest in checklist implementation is limited to one profession (e.g., surgery, anesthesia, or nursing).	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
6. In the ORs where I work, I am encouraged to report any patient safety concerns I may have.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
7. In the ORs where I work, it is difficult to discuss medical mistakes.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
8. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members appear to struggle <b>and do not</b> ask one another for help.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
9. In the ORs where I work, it is difficult to speak up when I perceive problems with patient care.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

	Strongly Disagree						Strongly Agree
10. In the ORs where I work, team discussions (e.g., briefings or debriefings) are common.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
11. In the ORs where I work, communication breakdowns frequently lead to delays in starting surgical procedures.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
12. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members make sure their comments or instructions are heard.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
13. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members share key information as it becomes available.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
14. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members appear eager to help one another.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
15. In the ORs where I work, physicians and nurses work together as a well-coordinated team.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
16. In the ORs where I work, surgeons and anesthesia providers work together as a well-coordinated team.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
17. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members from different disciplines <b>always</b> discuss patients' conditions and the progress of operations.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
18. In the ORs where I work, plans for patient care are adapted as needed.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
19. In the ORs where I work, physicians are <b>only</b> open to suggestions from other physicians.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
20. In the ORs where I work, disagreements are resolved with an emphasis <b>not</b> on <b>who</b> is right but <b>what</b> is right for the patient.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
21. In the ORs where I work, decision-making is shared among disciplines in response to changes in patients' conditions or issues that arise during operations.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
22. In the ORs where I work, physicians are present and actively participating in patient care prior to skin incision.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
23. In the ORs where I work, physicians maintain a positive tone throughout operations.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
24. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members communicate with me in a respectful manner.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
25. In the ORs where I work, my input about patient care is well received by other surgical team members.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
26. In the ORs where I work, I am always treated as a valuable member of the surgical team.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
27. In the ORs where I work, potential errors or mistakes are pointed out <b>without</b> raised voices or condescending remarks.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
28. In the ORs where I work, surgical team members refer to each other by role instead of name (e.g., "Nurse" instead of "Dana").	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
29. In the ORs where I work, surgical teams <b>always</b> discuss the operative plan (i.e., more than the location of the incision and name of the procedure) before incision.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
30. In the ORs where I work, for complex patients or cases, preoperative briefings <b>always</b> include planning for potential problems.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
31. In the ORs where I work, postoperative debriefings <b>always</b> include a discussion of key concerns for patient recovery and post-op management.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
32. In the ORs where I work, equipment issues or other problems discussed in postoperative debriefings are addressed in a timely manner.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
33. I would feel safe being treated here as a patient.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
34. If I were having an operation, I would want a surgical safety checklist to be used.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
35. Pressure to move quickly from case to case gets in the way of patient safety.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦

■ Thank you for your time. ■