

Checklist for customizing the Safe Surgery Checklist

PURPOSE: The following questions will help you evaluate checklist items and address unique needs without degrading the checklist.

INSTRUCTIONS: As a team, answer the following questions for each item on the Safe Surgery Checklist template and for every proposed addition or deletion.

Evaluate all checklist items with these six questions:

1. Is this a critical safety step at risk of being missed?
2. Is this a safety step that you might not notice if it is not done?
3. Is this item discussed when all relevant team members are present?
4. Is the checklist the best way to address the need?
5. Can something be done about it?
6. Will this item help anybody else on the team?