

FACT SHEET

Checklist demonstration video

Creating a video can be a fun and educational experience for your teams — and you do not need professional equipment or a lot of money.

Why is video important?



Image courtesy Palmetto Health.

Video is a powerful tool for showing people how to use (or not use) the checklist. Seeing a team from your hospital using a checklist makes the effort tangible.

A VIDEO HELPS:

- generate buy-in.
- publicize the effort internally.
- supplement your training.

YOU CAN SHOW:

- how your customized version of the checklist works.
- proper use of the checklist as a communication tool.
- how the checklist will be displayed in your facility.
- how *not* to use the checklist (this is fun for teams to create).

SEE EXAMPLES:

- demonstration videos from facilities around the world, available at <http://www.safesurgery2015.org/videos.html>

How to CREATE your video

Recruit people to participate

- Draw from your implementation team and consider physicians, staff, administrators, and stakeholders who can be important advocates.

Find a convenient location

- Use an empty operating room, a simulator, or a conference room.

Use existing camera and supplies

- Use a portable video camera or smartphone. Specialized equipment is not required, but if your hospital has an AV department they may be able to help film.
- Bring your facility's checklist.
- Bring scrubs, drapes, equipment, etc., to simulate the OR environment.

Never use a real patient

- Have a person stretch out on the table and pretend to be your patient, or simply cover some pillows with a sheet.

Plan a block of time

- Practice helps; you may need to record the simulation more than once to get the result you want.

How to USE your video

Publicize your effort internally

- Directly: Show it in department and staff meetings; share it during 1-on-1 conversations with surgical team members.
- Indirectly: Use it as a screensaver on computers or run as a continuous loop in physician and staff lounges.

Supplement (but never replace) 1-on-1 conversations and training

- Video can be used when training individuals or teams.
- Video cannot replace talking to every person about the checklist, and should never be used as a substitute for hands-on training.

Consider sharing your video on YouTube or with Ariadne Labs (safesurgery2015@hsph.harvard.edu) so that others can learn from your facility.