

# Modification Checklist



**Items that belong on the checklist are ones that have serious consequences if they are missed and things that need to be done and are commonly missed. When adding things to the checklist or taking items off the checklist, it is helpful to keep in mind the following questions, as they are ones we consider to be the most important to ask during the modification process.**

- Is this a critical safety step at risk for it being missed?
- Is this a safety step that you might not notice if it is not done?
- Is this item discussed at a time when all relevant team members are present?
- Is this adequately checked by other mechanisms?
- Is the checklist the best way to take care of it?
- Can something be done about it?
- If the item will not help you, will this item help anybody here?

**For more information on checklist modification, please see our Modification FAQ [here](#) or contact us at [safesurgery2015@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:safesurgery2015@hsph.harvard.edu).**