

ROOM ENTRY

led by circulating nurse

confirm patient identification

by name and one other

do the procedure and consent agree?

confirm the surgical site:

what is listed on the consent?
does/did the patient agree?
is the site marked?

are there any known allergies?

was an anesthesia safety check done (machine, circuit, drugs, devices)?

do you anticipate a difficult airway?

are there alternative plans?
do you need any equipment?

will normothermia be an issue?

are antibiotics begun or on hand?



TIME OUT - BRIEFING (all)

stop the music – stop talking

DO WE ALL KNOW EACH OTHER?

each person introduce yourself
at start of day & with relief

PATIENT NAME, PROCEDURE, SITE

ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS:

allergies
antibiotics
temperature

is the room warm enough?
should active warming be used?

concerns

unusual post-op plans?
is an ICU bed likely?
pain management beyond IV/po?

BLOOD (discussion, if needed, led by circulator)

is the anticipated loss >10%?
what is the beginning Hgb/Hct?
is there a type and cross/screen?
where is the blood?
is there adequate IV access?
preemies: choice of fluid v. pressors?

SURGEON:

is site marking visible & confirmed?
is there anything different/unusual?
how long do you expect this to take?
is the position correct (will it change)?
need for radiology? C-arm?
are the images correctly displayed?

NURSING AND OR TECHS:

is everything sterile?
are implants/devices/specials on hand?

END OF CASE -

DEBRIEFING (all)

are the counts correct?

instrument
sponge
needles

what procedure was performed?

what is the post-op diagnosis?
is this the same as pre-op?

specimen labeling – read back

any new concerns for recovery?

are there changes to the plan of care?

could anything have gone better?

was something not available?
did anything break?

IS THERE ANYTHING WE NEED TO REMEMBER FOR THE NEXT TIME?

write it down!



the surgeon states before beginning the operation:

PLEASE SPEAK UP IF YOU THINK SOMETHING MIGHT NOT BE QUITE RIGHT