

# Safe Surgery Checklist template

Hospital Name

## Before Induction of Anesthesia

**Nurse** and **Anesthesia Professional** verify:

- Patient identification (name and DOB)
- Surgical site
- Surgical procedure to be performed matches the consent
- Site marked
- Known allergies
- Patient positioning
- Essential imaging available
- Risk of hypothermia (if operation >1 hour)
  - Warmer in place
- Risk of venous thromboembolism
  - Boots in place and/or anticoagulants
- Anesthesia safety check completed

## ANESTHESIA BRIEFING

**Anesthesia Professional** shares:

- Anticipated airway or aspiration risk
- Risk of significant blood loss
  - Two IVs/central access and fluids planned
  - Type and crossmatch/screen
  - Blood availability

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<b>Before Skin Incision</b>
<b>TIME OUT</b>
<b>Circulating Nurse</b> asks: <i>"Is everyone ready to perform the time out? Please state your name and role."</i>
<b>Entire Surgical Team</b> confirms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Patient name</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Surgical procedure to be performed</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Surgical site</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Essential imaging available</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic prophylaxis given within the last 60 minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antibiotic redosing plan discussed</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>TEAM BRIEFING</b>
<b>Surgeon</b> shares: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Operative plan</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Possible difficulties</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Expected duration</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated blood loss</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Implants or special equipment needed</li></ul>
<b>Anesthesia Professional</b> shares: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Anesthetic plan</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Airway concerns</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other concerns</li></ul>
<b>Circulating Nurse</b> and <b>Scrub Tech</b> share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Sterility, including indicator results</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Equipment issues</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other concerns</li></ul>
<b>Surgeon</b> asks: <i>"Does anybody have any concerns? If you see something that concerns you during this case, please speak up."</i>

<b>Before Patient Leaves Room</b>
<b>Nurse</b> reviews with team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Instrument, sponge, and needle counts</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Name of the procedure performed</li></ul>
<b>Nurse</b> reads aloud to team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Specimen labeling, including patient's name</li></ul>
<b>TEAM DEBRIEFING</b>
<b>Entire Surgical Team</b> discusses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Key concerns for patient recovery and management</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Equipment problems that need to be addressed</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other opportunities for improvement</li></ul>