

Safe Surgery Checklist template

Hospital Name

Before Induction of Anesthesia

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone in the room introduces themselves to the patient:

- State your name and role

TEAM DEBRIEFING

Entire Surgical Team verifies:

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

Surgeon shares:

- Operative plan
- Possible difficulties
- Expected duration
- Risk of significant blood loss
 - Two IVs/central access and fluids planned
 - Type and crossmatch/screen
 - Blood availability
- Implants or special equipment needed

Anesthesia Professional shares:

- Anesthesia safety check completed
- Anesthetic plan
- Airway concerns
- Other concerns

Circulating Nurse and **Scrub Tech** share:

- Sterility, including indicator results
- Essential imaging available
- Equipment issues
- Other concerns

Before Skin Incision

TIME OUT

Circulating Nurse asks:

“Is everyone ready to perform the time out?”

Entire Surgical Team confirms:

- Patient name
- Surgical procedure to be performed
- Surgical site
- Essential imaging available
- Antibiotic prophylaxis given within the last 60 minutes
 - Antibiotic redosing plan discussed

Surgeon asks:

*“Does anybody have any concerns?
If you see something that concerns you during this case, please speak up.”*

Before Patient Leaves Room

Nurse reviews with team:

- Instrument, sponge, and needle counts
- Name of the procedure performed

Nurse reads aloud to team:

- Specimen labeling, including patient's name

TEAM DEBRIEFING

Entire Surgical Team discusses:

- Key concerns for patient recovery and management
- Equipment problems that need to be addressed
- Other opportunities for improvement