

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

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

TEAM BRIEFING

Surgeon shares:

- Operative plan and possible difficulties
- Expected duration
- Anticipated blood loss
- Implants or special equipment needed

Anesthesia Professional shares:

- Anesthetic plan
- Airway concerns
- Other concerns

Circulating Nurse and **Scrub Tech** share:

- Sterility, including indicator results
- Equipment issues
- Other concerns

Surgeon asks each team member by name:

“_____, are you ready to proceed?”

Surgeon states:

“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