



Surgical Safety Checklist



Name :

DOB :

Hospital No :

Before Induction of Anaesthesia

OT In Time:

Surgical :

Blood Tests : Date Taken :
Hb/MCV : Plts : MPS :
Expected Blood Loss > 500mls (7mls/kg)
Child? Yes ☐ No ☐ T&S : ☐ X-Match : ☐
Consent form signed? ☐ Num Units Available :
Surgical Site Marked? Yes ☐ NA ☐
Current Medication
Allergies No ☐ Yes ☐ Drug
Confirmed by Intern (System ID) :

Nursing :

Starvation: Last Ate Last Drank
Weight kg HR BP
RR SpO2
IVI sited & running? Y ☐ N ☐ ID wristband ☐
Confirmed by Nurse (System ID) :

Anaesthesia :

Difficult Airway / Aspiration Risk?
☐ No
☐ Yes, equipment & assistance requested
Confirmed by (T)ACO (System ID) :

Induction Time:

Date:

Before Skin Incision

- ☐ Surgeon & Anaesthetist introduced to patient.
- ☐ Team to review the planned list
- ☐ Surgeon, Anaesthetist, Nurse, Verbally confirm
 - Patient
 - Site (if appropriate)
 - Procedure

Anticipated Critical Events

- ☐ Surgeon Reviews: What are the critical or unexpected steps, operative duration, anticipated blood loss?
- ☐ Anaesthetist Reviews: Are there any patient concerns?
- ☐ Nursing Team Reviews: Has sterility been confirmed? Are there equipment issues or concerns?

Prep Start Time :

Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within 60 mins of skin incision?

☐ Yes ☐ Not Needed

Is Essential Imaging displayed?

☐ Yes ☐ Not Needed

Knife to Skin :

Before Skin Incision

Closure :

Nurse Verbally confirms with the team:

- ☐ The name of the procedure recorded
- ☐ That the instrument, sponge and needles counts are correct
- ☐ How the specimen is labelled
- ☐ Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed

Time Out :

☐ Surgeon, Anaesthetist, and Nurse convey key concerns to recovery Nurse

☐ Observations in recovery charted?

NPO until

Next medication due at

☐ Post op medication Prescribed?

Frequency of ward observations

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Pain score on discharge

Destination

Recovery Out :