Blue Safety Checklist℠

Surgical Safety

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1 Sign In
(Before induction of anaesthesia)

- ◯ **Patient has confirmed:**
  - Identity
  - Site
  - Procedure
  - Consent
- ◯ **Site marked/not applicable**
- ◯ **Anaesthesia safety check completed**
- ◯ **Pulse oximeter on patient and functioning**

Does patient have a known allergy?

- ◯ No
- ◯ Yes

Difficult airway/aspiration risk?

- ◯ No
- ◯ Yes, and equipment /assistance available

Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?

- ◯ No
- ◯ Yes, and adequate intravenous access and fluids planned

2 Time Out
(Before skin incision)

- ◯ **Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role**
- ◯ **Surgeon, anaesthesia professional and nurse verbally confirm:**
  - Patient
  - Site
  - Procedure

Anticipated critical events

- ◯ **Surgeon reviews:** What are the critical or unexpected steps, operative duration, anticipated blood loss?
- ◯ **Anaesthesia team reviews:** Are there any patient-specific concerns?
- ◯ **Nursing team reviews:** Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed? Are there equipment issues or any concerns?

Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ Not applicable

Is essential imaging displayed?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ Not applicable

3 Sign Out
(Before patient leaves operating room)

Nurse verbally confirms with the team:

- ◯ **The name of the procedure recorded**
- ◯ **That instrument, sponge and needle counts are correct** (or not applicable)
- ◯ **How the specimen is labelled** (including patient name)
- ◯ **Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed**
- ◯ **Surgeon, anaesthesia professional and nurse review the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient**

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