Blue Safety ChecklistSM Surgical Safety



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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 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

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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