

Surgical safety checklist

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Sign in

Anaesthetist to lead

Confirm surgeon available

Before induction of anaesthesia, confirm with patient:

- Identity
- Site and side
- Procedure
- Consent

Site marked or not applicable

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If yes, is equipment/assistance available?

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Check and confirm prosthesis/special equipment to be used

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Time out

Surgeon to lead

Before an incision, confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role

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Anticipated critical events

Surgeon reviews:

Critical or unexpected steps, operative duration, anticipated blood loss?

Anaesthesia team reviews:

Patient specific concerns?
Has the ASA score been recorded?

Nursing team reviews:

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Are there equipment issues or concerns?

Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?

Has the plan for VTE prophylaxis during the operation been carried out?

Is essential imaging displayed?

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Nurse to lead

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- The name of the procedure recorded
- That instrument, needle, sponge and other counts are correct
- How the specimen is labelled (including patient name)
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- Postoperative concerns/plan for recovery and management of this patient

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