## Surgical Safety Checklist

**Before induction of anaesthesia**

- Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?
  - Yes
  - No
- Is the site marked?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not applicable
- Is the anaesthesia machine and medication check complete?
  - Yes
- Is the pulse oximeter on the patient and functioning?
  - Yes
- Does the patient have a:
  - Known allergy?
    - No
    - Yes
  - Difficult airway or aspiration risk?
    - No
    - Yes, and equipment/assistance available
  - Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?
    - No
    - Yes, and two IVs/central access and fluids planned

**Before skin incision**

- Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role.
  - Yes
  - Not applicable
- Confirm the patient’s name, procedure, and where the incision will be made.
- Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?
  - Yes
  - Not applicable
- **Anticipated Critical Events**
  - To Surgeon:
    - What are the critical or non-routine steps?
    - How long will the case take?
    - What is the anticipated blood loss?
  - To Anaesthetist:
    - Are there any patient-specific concerns?
  - To Nursing Team:
    - Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed?
    - Are there equipment issues or any concerns?
- Is essential imaging displayed?
  - Yes
  - Not applicable

**Before patient leaves operating room**

- Nurse Verbally Confirms:
  - The name of the procedure
  - Completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts
  - Specimen labelling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name)
  - Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed
- To Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Nurse:
  - What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?

**Patient Name:**

**Age:** M or F

**Notes:**

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