

# Surgical Safety Checklist



## Before induction of anaesthesia

(with at least nurse and anaesthetist)

**Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?**

Yes

**Is the site marked?**

Yes

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

(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)

**Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role.**

**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

(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)

**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:**