

Instructions: The circulating nurse will fill out this form, checking each box as each element is addressed – please alert the team if any element is omitted. At the end of the case, attach this form to the OR/CSS charge papers to ensure proper documentation.

BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

BEFORE INDUCTION OF ANESTHESIA

(Anesthesiologist reads out loud)

SIGN IN

Does the patient have a:

Known allergy?

- No
 Yes

Difficult airway/aspiration risk?

- No
 Yes, and equipment/assistance available

Risk of >500ml blood loss?

- No
 Yes, and adequate intravenous access, fluids, and blood available

Risk of hypothermia (operative time >1h)?

- No
 Yes, and warmer in place



DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Based on the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist developed by:



BEFORE SKIN INCISION

(Surgeon reads out loud)

TIME OUT

- Has everyone introduced themselves by name and role?

Entire team confirms **SAFETY PAUSE:**

- CORRECT PATIENT
- CORRECT PROCEDURE/SITE/SIDE
- CORRECT POSITION
- CORRECT EQUIPMENT AND IMPLANTS AVAILABLE
- NEED FOR FLUIDS FOR IRRIGATION

Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?

- Yes Not applicable

Has venous thromboembolism prophylaxis been provided?

- Yes Not applicable

Anticipated Critical Events

To surgeon:

- How long will the case take and how much blood loss is anticipated?
 Are there critical or unexpected steps you want the team to know about?

To anesthesiologist:

- Are there any patient-specific concerns?

To nursing team:

- Are there any concerns about sterility or other issues?

Is essential imaging displayed?

- Yes Not applicable



DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?



BEFORE PATIENT LEAVES OPERATING ROOM

(Nurse reads out loud)

SIGN OUT

Nurse verbally confirms with the team:

- What is the name of the procedure to be recorded?
 Are instrument, sponge and needle counts complete (or not applicable)?
 Has the team reconciled all specimens (number of specimens, proper labeling, and pathology form completed by surgical team)?
 Do any equipment problems need to be addressed?

To surgeon, anesthesiologist and nurse:

- What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?



DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Date:

Room #:

Place addressograph here: