

SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Before sending for patient...

- Equipment check completed by OR staff. OR nurse will call surgeon for assistance if unable to verify readiness of all equipment and implants or if questions regarding table, positioning, etc.
- Communication between pre-op and OR completed, including verifying availability of blood products.

Before induction of anesthesia...

SIGN IN

- Patient (or nurse if patient unable) confirms:**
 - Identity
 - Site
 - Procedure
- OR nurse confirms:**
 - Allergies and lists them on board.
 - Consent
 - Operative site is marked.
- Anesthesia confirms:**
 - Checklist completed and Anesthesia ready.
 - Antibiotic dose, name, and timing.
- Surgical team confirms:**
 - Essential imaging displayed.
- No music or non-essential conversation for general anesthesia induction.**

Before skin incision...

TIME OUT

- Patient positioning checked.**
- Team members introduced if needed.**
- Surgeon and Anesthesia review relevant issues (including EBL and length of case).**
- Surgeon, Anesthesia, and Nurse verbally confirm:**
 - Patient
 - Site
 - Procedure
 - Consent

Before patient leaves operating room...

SIGN OUT

- Nurse verbally confirms with the team:**
 - The name of the procedure performed.
 - That instrument, sponge, and needle counts are correct.
 - That any specimens are properly labeled.
 - Equipment issues that need to be addressed.
- Surgeon, Anesthesia, and OR Nurse review key concerns for patient recovery and management as appropriate.**

Entire OR Team should consider:

How could the process have worked better for the patient?

How could the process have worked better for the staff?

How could we have done this case less expensively?

Intended to increase, not replace, communication among all OR team members. We are striving for early and on-going communication. Information regarding the items above does not need to be obtained in the order shown on the list.

Disregard items that do not apply. Add items as circumstances warrant.