



Kirkland & District Hospital

Surgical Safety Checklist

Date/Time: _____

Procedure: _____

BRIEFING- Before induction of anesthesia

- Patient information confirmed
 - Identify (2) identifiers
 - Consents
 - Site, side, procedure and level marked
 - Booking card
 - History, physical
 - Anesthesia equipment safety check completed
 - ASA class
 - Difficult Airway/Aspiration Risk Yes No
 - Confirm equipment and assistance available
 - Review final test results (labs, biopsy, ECG, xrays)
 - Blood products, required and available
 - Patient grouped, screened and cross matched
 - Confirm essential imaging displayed
 - Allergies Yes No
 - Medications
 - Antibiotic prophylaxis: given within 60 minutes?
 - Beta blockers
 - Anticoagulant therapy (e.g. Warfarin)
 - VTE Prophylaxis
 - Anticoagulant
 - Monitoring
 - Pulse oximetry, ECG, BP, temperature and urine catheter
 - Blood Loss
 - Anticipated to be more than 500 ml (adult) or more than 7 ml/kg (child).
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- Surgeon(s) review(s)
 - Specific patient concerns, critical steps, and special instruments or implants
 - Anesthesiologist(s) review(s)
 - Specific patient concerns, critical resuscitation plans
 - Nurses(s) review(s)
 - Specific patient concerns, sterility indicator results and equipment/implant issues.
 - Patient positioning and supporting/Warming devices
 - Special precautions
 - Expected procedure time/postoperative destination

TIME OUT- Before skin incision

- All team members introduce themselves by name and role
- Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, and Nurse verbally confirm:
 - Patient
 - Site, side and level
 - Procedure
 - Antibiotic prophylaxis: repeat dose?
 - Final optimal positioning of patient
- "Does anyone have any other questions or concerns before the proceeding?"

DEBRIEFING – Before patient leaves OR

- Surgeon reviews with entire team:
 - Procedure
 - Important intra-operative events
 - Fluid balance/management
- Anesthesiologist reviews with entire team.
 - Important intra-operative events
 - Recovery plans (including postoperative ventilation, pain management, glucose and temperature)
- Nurse(s) review(s) with entire team
 - Instruments/sponge/needle counts
 - Specimen labelling and management
 - Important intraoperative events (including equipment malfunction)
- Changes to post-operative destination?
- What are the KEY concerns for this patient's recovery and management?
- Could anything have been done to make this case safer or more efficient?

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COMMENTS

Signature: _____



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CHECKLIST SCORE

Add all checkmarks for 3 sections and enter below

Briefing _____ / 17 = _____

Time Out _____ / 3 = _____

Debriefing _____ / 6 = _____

TOTAL _____ / 26 = _____ x 100 = _____