

NLHC Safe Surgery Checklist

Before Induction of Anesthesia	Before Skin Incision	Before Patient Leaves Operating Room
Briefing	Time Out	Debriefing
Surgical team members verbally confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient identity • Procedure • Site, side or level • Consent(s) • Known allergies and reactions • NPO status 	Are there any unfamiliar staff in the room? Please introduce yourself by name and role.	Nurse verbally confirms with the team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should I record the name of the procedure? • Are the sponge, needle and instrument counts all correct? • Is the specimen(s) labeled correctly? The nurse should read out loud the patient's name, specimen description, and any orientating marks • Are there any equipment problems that need to be addressed?
Are there any special precautions such as malignant hyperthermia, latex allergy, isolation, or other?	Surgeon, Anesthetist, and Nurse verbally confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the name of the patient, procedure, and site of the surgery? 	Are there any other concerns for the recovery of this patient?
Is the Weight (Kg) recorded on the chart?	Are there any anticipated critical events? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a risk of >500mL (7mL/Kg in Children) blood loss? • What is the expected duration of the procedure? • Is IV access adequate? • Are there any patient specific concerns? • Are there any sterility or equipment issues? 	
Has the anesthesia safety and equipment check been completed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given in the last 60 minutes? • Has Thromboprophylaxis (VTE) been ordered? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticoagulant? • Mechanical? 	
Is a difficult airway or aspiration risk anticipated?	Any other questions or concerns before proceeding?	
Has the patient positioning and support been reviewed?		
Is there a need for any special equipment?		
Are the relevant tests completed and checked? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy • Crossmatch (Type and Screen) • Radiology? 		