



Surgical Checklist Initiative
“A System for Safer Surgery”

STEP 1: BRIEFING - PRIOR TO SKIN INCISION

- TEAM MEMBERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES BY NAME AND ROLE
- SURGEON, ANESTHESIA TEAM AND NURSE CONFIRM PATIENT (AT LEAST 2 IDENTIFIERS), SITE, PROCEDURE, POSITION

ANESTHESIA TEAM REVIEWS:

- AIRWAY OR OTHER PATIENT-SPECIFIC CONCERNS (SPECIAL MEDS, HEALTH CONDITIONS EFFECTING RECOVERY, ETC)
- DOES PATIENT HAVE AN ALLERGY NO YES

NURSING TEAM REVIEWS:

- EQUIPMENT ISSUES (I.E., GAS TANKS FULL, ALL INSTRUMENTS READY) OR OTHER PATIENT CONCERNS

SURGEON REVIEWS:

- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE AND ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES
- EXPECTED DURATION OF PROCEDURE
- SINGLE OPERATIVE FIELD, MULTIPLE OPERATIVE FIELDS
- NEED FOR INSTRUMENTS/SUPPLIES BEYOND THOSE NORMALLY USED FOR THE PROCEDURE
- RISK OF BLOOD LOSS > 500 ML NO YES. AND ADEQUATE IV ACCESS ESTABLISHED

STEP 2: PROCESS CONTROL - PRIOR TO SKIN INCISION

SURGEON CONFIRMS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ESSENTIAL IMAGING DISPLAYED | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE WARMING IN PLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (CASE < 1 HOUR) | LAST Q SCOAP: ___% MISSED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GLUCOSE CHECKED FOR DIABETICS | | LAST Q SCOAP: ___% MISSED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSULIN STARTED FOR GLUCOSE > 125 | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | LAST Q SCOAP: ___% MISSED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BETA BLOCKER PLANNED POSTOP | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (NOT ON PREOP BETA BLOCKER) | LAST Q SCOAP: ___% MISSED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DVT/PE PREVENTION PLAN IN PLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | LAST Q SCOAP: ___% MISSED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS GIVEN IN LAST 60 MINUTES | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | LAST Q SCOAP: ___% MISSED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANTIBIOTIC REDOSING PLAN IN PLACE | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (CASE < 3 HOURS) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIALTY SPECIFIC CHECKLIST NEEDED | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THE OPERATING TEAM HAS AN AGREED UPON PLAN TO PREVENT SHARPS INJURY | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (NO SHARPS) | |

STEP 3: DE-BRIEFING - AT COMPLETION OF CASE

SURGEON AND NURSE CONFIRM WITH THE TEAM:

- BEFORE CLOSURE ARE INSTRUMENT, SPONGE, AND NEEDLE COUNTS CORRECT
- NAME OF PROCEDURE AND IF APPLICABLE, HOW IS THE SPECIMEN LABELLED (CORRECT PATIENT NAME)?
- SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATHOLOGIST (E.G., 12+ NEGATIVE LYMPH NODES FOR COLON CA)?
- EQUIPMENT ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED? NO YES, AND RESPONSE PLAN (WHO/WHAT/WHEN)
- WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BETTER? NOTHING SOMETHING, AND RESPONSE PLAN (WHO/WHAT/WHEN)
- BETA BLOCKER PLANNED POSTOP N/A (NOT ON PREOP BETA BLOCKER)
- WHAT ARE KEY CONCERNS FOR RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PATIENT?

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