

# SCOAP Surgical Checklist

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## Before Skin Incision:

### *Briefing*

#### **All Team Members**

##### **(Attending Surgeon Leads):**

- Each person introduces self by name and role
- Surgeon, Anesthesia team and Nurse confirm patient (at least 2 identifiers), site, procedure
- Personnel exchanges: timing, plan for announcing changes
- Description of procedure and anticipated difficulties
- Expected duration of procedure
- Expected blood loss & blood availability
- Need for instruments/supplies/IV access beyond those normally used for the procedure
- Questions/issues from any team member and invitation to speak up at any time in the procedure

#### **Nursing/Tech reviews:**

- Equipment issues (instruments ready, trained on, requested implants available, gas tanks full)
- Sharps management plan
- Other patient concerns

#### **Anesthesia reviews:**

- Airway or other concerns
- Special meds (beta blockers, etc.)
- Allergies
- Conditions affecting recovery

### *Process Control*

#### *All cases:*

##### **Surgeon reviews (as applicable):**

- Essential imaging displayed; right and left confirmed
- Antibiotic prophylaxis given in last 60 minutes
- Active warming in place
- Special instruments and/or implants

#### *If case expected to be $\geq 1$ hour, add:*

##### **Surgeon reviews:**

- Glucose checked for diabetics
  - Insulin protocol initiated if needed
- DVT/PE chemoprophylaxis and/or mechanical prophylaxis plan in place
- If patient on beta blocker, post-op plan formulated
- Re-dosing plan for antibiotics
- Specialty-specific checklist

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## Just Before Closure of Operative Field

### *No Retained Objects*

#### **Attending Surgeon:**

- Perform methodical visual and physical sweep of the wound

#### **Nursing/Tech:**

- All music, conversation, and distractions halted
- Perform preliminary count of needles/sponges/instruments
- Show Surgeon and Anesthesia all sponges and laps in holders ("Show Me Ten")

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## After Skin Closure Complete:

### *No Retained Objects, Debriefing, Care Transition*

#### **All Team Members (Attending Surgeon Leads):**

- Confirm final needles/sponges/ instruments count correct
- Nursing/Tech show Surgeon and Anesthesia all sponges and laps in holders ("Show Me Ten")
- Confirm name of procedure
- If specimen, confirm label and instructions (e.g., orientation of specimen, 12 lymph nodes for colon CA)
- Equipment issues to be addressed?
  - Response planned (who/when)
- What could have been better?
  - Improvement planned (who/when)

#### **Surgeon and Anesthesia:**

- Key concerns for patient recovery
  - What is the plan for pain management?
  - What is the plan for prevention of PONV?
  - Does patient need special monitoring (time in RR, ICU, tele?)
- If patient has elevated blood glucose, plan for insulin drip formulated
- If patient on beta blocker, post-op continuation plan formulated