



# SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (FIRST EDITION)

*BEFORE INDUCTION OF ANAESTHESIA*



*BEFORE SKIN INCISION*



*BEFORE PATIENT LEAVES OPERATING ROOM*

## SIGN IN

- PATIENT HAS CONFIRMED
  - *IDENTITY*
  - *SITE*
  - *PROCEDURE*
  - *CONSENT*
- SITE MARKED / NOT APPLICABLE
- ANAESTHESIA SAFETY CHECK COMPLETED
- PULSE OXIMETER ON PATIENT AND FUNCTIONING

*DOES PATIENT HAVE A:*

KNOWN ALLERGY?

- NO
- YES

DIFFICULT AIRWAY / ASPIRATION RISK?

- NO
- YES, AND EQUIPMENT / ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

RISK OF > 500ML BLOOD LOSS (7ML/KG IN CHILDREN)?

- NO
- YES, AND ADEQUATE INTRAVENOUS ACCESS AND FLUIDS PLANNED

## TIME OUT

- CONFIRM ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE INTRODUCED THEMSELVES BY NAME AND ROLE
- SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRM
  - *PATIENT*
  - *SITE*
  - *PROCEDURE*

### ANTICIPATED CRITICAL EVENTS

- SURGEON REVIEWS: WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL OR UNEXPECTED STEPS, OPERATIVE DURATION, ANTICIPATED BLOOD LOSS?
- ANAESTHESIA TEAM REVIEWS: ARE THERE ANY PATIENT-SPECIFIC CONCERNS?
- NURSING TEAM REVIEWS: HAS STERILITY (INCLUDING INDICATOR RESULTS) BEEN CONFIRMED? ARE THERE EQUIPMENT ISSUES OR ANY CONCERNS?

HAS ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS BEEN GIVEN WITHIN THE LAST 60 MINUTES?

- YES
- NOT APPLICABLE

IS ESSENTIAL IMAGING DISPLAYED?

- YES
- NOT APPLICABLE

## SIGN OUT

NURSE VERBALLY CONFIRMS WITH THE TEAM:

- THE NAME OF THE PROCEDURE RECORDED
- THAT INSTRUMENT, SPONGE AND NEEDLE COUNTS ARE CORRECT (OR NOT APPLICABLE)
- HOW THE SPECIMEN IS LABELLED (INCLUDING PATIENT NAME)
- WHETHER THERE ARE ANY EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

- SURGEON, ANAESTHESIA PROFESSIONAL AND NURSE REVIEW THE KEY CONCERNS FOR RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS PATIENT