

AHS Safe Surgery Checklist

Before Induction of Anesthesia	Before Skin Incision	Before Patient Leaves Operating Room
<i>Briefing</i>	<i>Time Out</i>	<i>Debriefing</i>
Patient (family member) and / or surgical team members have verbally confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient identity • Procedure • Site, side or level • Consent(s) • Known allergies and reactions • NPO status 	All team members have introduced themselves by name and role Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, and Nurse have verbally confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient • Procedure • Site 	Surgical team have verbally confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the procedure • Applicable sponge and instrument counts • Specimen labeling and handling • Equipment problems addressed
Special precautions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malignant hyperthermia • Latex • Isolation • Other 	Anticipated critical events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgeon review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical or unexpected steps • Procedure duration • Risk of >500mL (7mL/Kg in Children) blood loss • Anesthesiologist review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient-specific concerns • Adequate intravenous access and fluid planned • Nursing review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sterility issues • Equipment issues 	Surgical team have reviewed recovery plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient disposition • Analgesia • O₂ needs for transfer • Specific concerns
Weight (Kg) recorded on chart	Applicable medication concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibiotic prophylaxis given within last 60 minutes • Thromboprophylaxis (VTE) ordered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticoagulant • Mechanical • Other specific medication concerns 	
Anesthesia safety and equipment check completed	Essential imaging displayed	
Difficult airway/aspiration risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable equipment / assistance available 	Any other questions or concerns before proceeding?	
Patient positioning and support confirmed		
Relevant and special equipment confirmed and in room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosthesis • Warming devices • Loaner instrument 		
Relevant tests completed and checked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy • Crossmatch (Type and Screen) • Radiology 		