### Before Induction of Anesthesia

**Briefing**

- Patient (family member) and surgical team members have verbally confirmed:
  - Patient identity
  - Procedure & Indication for C-Section
  - Pertinent maternal/fetal history
  - Consent(s)
    - Are other procedures planned (i.e. Tubal ligation)
  - Known allergies and reactions

**Special precautions**

- Malignant hyperthermia
- Latex
- Isolation
- Other

**BMI and weight (kg) recorded on chart**

- operative risk if BMI >35

**Anesthesia safety and equipment check completed**

**Difficult airway/aspiration risk**

- Applicable equipment / assistance available

**Relevant/special equipment confirmed & in room:**

- Warming devices
- Vacuum/forceps Setup
- VTE prophylaxis (mechanical)

**Relevant tests completed and checked:**

- Laboratory
  - HGB
  - Platelets (PLT)
  - Type & Screen (Crossmatch if required)
- Ultrasound (if applicable)
- Confirm Neonatal personnel or designate notified? (if required)

### Before Skin Incision

**Time Out**

- All Surgical team members have introduced themselves by name and role

- Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, and Nurse have verbally confirmed:
  - Patient
  - Procedure

**Anticipated critical events:**

- Surgeon review:
  - Critical or unexpected steps
  - Risk of >1000mL blood loss
- Anesthesiologist review:
  - Patient-specific concerns
  - Adequate intravenous access and fluid planned
  - Antibiotic prophylaxis given within last 60 minutes
- Nursing review:
  - Sterility issues
  - Equipment issues
  - Applicable medication concerns:
    - VTE prophylaxis ordered:
      - Mechanical
      - Other specific medication concerns
    - Neonatal personnel or designate present and given report (Neo/peds if required)
    - Resuscitation equipment checked

**Any other questions or concerns before proceeding?**

### Before Patient Leaves Operating Room

**Debriefing**

- Surgical team have verbally confirmed:
  - Name of the procedure
  - Concerns Requiring Follow-up
  - Applicable sponge, needle and instrument counts
  - Specimen labeling and handling
  - Equipment problems addressed
  - Estimated Blood Loss
    - Volume replacement if excessive
  - VTE prophylaxis (heparin/mechanical)

- Surgical team has reviewed recovery plan:
  - Neonate indentification complete
  - Patient & neonate disposition
  - Analgesia
  - O2 needs for transfer
  - Specific concerns
    - Neonatal concerns
    - RH Factor
    - Other relevant testing as required

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