# AHS Safe Surgery Checklist – Ophthalmology

## BRIEFING - LOCAL ANAESTHESIA
Before Induction

O.R. Team & Patient (family member) verbally confirm:
- Patient
- Site - Correct Eye verified with: Booking Sheet, Consent, OR Slate, History
- Procedure
- Allergies
- NPO status
- Antibiotics

Does Patient have:
- Difficult Airway
- Diabetes
- History of Flomax / Alpha 1-A Inhibitor
- History of Anticoagulants
- Other concerns/conditions

Special precautions
- Latex
- Isolation
- Other

SITE MARKED prior to procedure.
SURGEON confirms site as soon as available before surgical procedure.

STOP! Do not proceed with ANAESTHESIA if any discrepancy between documentation AND patient verbal.
- Physician will review with the patient
- Action taken and resolution of the discrepancy are to be documented by the operating physician and nurse.

## BRIEFING - GENERAL ANAESTHESIA
Before Induction

Surgeon, Anesthesia provider & Nurse verbally confirm:
- Patient
- Site - Correct Eye verified with: Booking Sheet, Consent, OR Slate, History
- Procedure
- Allergies
- NPO status
- Antibiotics

Does Patient Have:
- Difficult Airway
- Diabetes
- History of Flomax / Alpha 1-A Inhibitor
- History of Anticoagulants
- Other concerns/conditions

SITE MARKED prior to procedure.
SURGEON confirms site as soon as available before surgical procedure.

Anticipated critical events
- Surgeon reviews
- Operative Plan
  - Irrigating solutions
  - Medications and/or additives
  - Supplies / Implants / IOL / Bio-tissue
  - Pathology requirements, handling, labelling and transport
- Anaesthesia reviews
  - Any patient concerns
- Nursing team reviews
  - Sterility
  - Equipment and instrument issues
  - Concerns

## TIME OUT
Before Eye Surgery (Local or General)

All team members Introduce themselves by name and role

O.R. TEAM verbally confirms:
- Patient
- Site - Correct Eye verified with Consent
- Procedure
- Allergies
- Antibiotics

As appropriate, confirm if patient has:
- Difficult Airway
- Diabetes
- History of Flomax / Alpha 1-A Inhibitor
- History of Anticoagulants

Anticipated critical events
- Surgeon reviews
- Operative Plan
- Irrigating solutions
- Medications and/or additives
- Supplies / Implants / IOL / Bio-tissue
- Pathology requirements
- Devices

- OR Team reviews
- Any patient concerns
- Air-O2 delivery for blocks
- Concerns

## DEBRIEFING
Before Patient Leaves O.R.

O.R. team verbally confirms:
- Name of procedure recorded
- Applicable sponge, needle and instrument count
- Specimen labelling
- Equipment and instrument issues addressed
- Incident Reporting
- Key concerns for recovery and management of patient
  - Positioning
  - Diabetic monitoring
  - O2 requirements

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