

SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Before Induction of Anesthesia in OR

SIGN IN-INITIATED BY CIRCULATOR

Before Skin Incision/Procedure

TIME OUT-INITIATED BY SURGEON

Before Patient Leaves OR

SIGN OUT-INITIATED BY SURGEON

VERIFICATION STEPS VERBALIZED OUT LOUD FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS TO REVIEW:

ANESTHESIOLOGIST & CIRCULATOR VERIFIES:

1. Patient Identification
 - Matching 2 identifiers with name band
 - Engage parents and patient (when applicable)
2. Procedure & Site/Side
 - Engage parents and patient (when applicable)
3. Site marked by surgeon performing procedure
4. Weight and Allergies

WHEN CLINICALLY INDICATED:

5. Compression boots used for DVT prophylaxis
6. Warmers in place to prevent hypothermia

ALL TEAM MEMBERS

1. Introduce self by name and role

SURGEON VERIFIES:

1. Patient/Procedure/Site/Side & Position
2. Critical Steps/Anticipated Risks/EBL/Duration
3. Special Equipment/Implants needed
4. Imaging, labs, and other relevant preoperative tests reviewed and available

ANESTHESIOLOGIST VERIFIES:

1. Antibiotics given within 60 min of incision
2. IV access appropriate for anticipated EBL
3. Blood(or cross- match) available if needed

CIRCULATING/SCRUB NURSE VERIFIES:

1. Consent matches verbalized procedure
2. Site marking visible in prepped field
3. Special Equipment/Implants available
4. Medications/Solutions labeled on field

STOP!

ANY QUESTIONS FROM TEAM?

SURGEON VERIFIES:

1. Name of procedure to be recorded

CIRCULATOR/SCRUB VERIFIES:

1. Final counts (sponge/instrument/needles)
2. Correct labeling of specimens
3. Equipment problems to be addressed

ALL TEAM MEMBERS DISCUSS:

1. Key concerns for postoperative period
2. Airway concerns during recovery
3. EBL and likelihood of ongoing blood loss
4. Need and timing for post-op labs/imaging
5. Plan for communicating key recovery issues to accepting team (safe hand-off)