



## Surgical Safety Checklist

Hospital:

Patient's Name:

Diagnosis:

Date:

Age/Sex:

Emergency  Elective

### Before induction of anesthesia

- Patient has confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent
- Site marked
- Anesthesia machine and medication check complete
- Pulse oximeter is on the patient and functioning
- Checked whether patient has known allergy
- Difficult airway or aspiration risk, and availability of rescue equipment checked
- Checked whether patient has any problems in blood coagulation
- Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?
  - No
  - Yes, and two IVs/central access and fluids planned

### Before skin incision

- All team members**
  - Introduced themselves by name and role
- Surgeon verifies**
  - Patient's name, procedure and where the incision will be made
  - Anticipated critical or non-routine steps
  - Duration of operation
  - Anticipated blood loss
- Are imaging and other relevant pre-operative tests reviewed and available?
  - Yes  Not applicable
- Anesthetist verifies**
  - Antibiotic was given within 60 min of incision?
    - Yes  Not applicable
  - Are there any patient-specific concerns?
- Nursing team reviews**
  - Equipment sterility (including indicator results)
  - Equipment issues or any concerns

### Before patient leaves operating room

- Nurse Verbally Confirms**
  - Name of the procedure
  - Completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts
  - Specimen labeling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name)
  - Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed
- Surgeon, Anesthetist and Nurse**
  - Key concerns for recovery and management of this patient