Surgical Safety Checklist

Hospital:               Date:               
Patient’s Name:                Age/Sex:               
Diagnosis:                

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?

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

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