

Surgical Safety Checklist

Briefing/Sign In

Time Out

Debriefing/Sign Out

Before induction of anesthesia

Before skin incision

Before patient leaves OR

Patient information confirmed:
Identity
Consent(s)
Site and procedure
Side and level marked (as applicable)

Anesthesia confirmed equipment safety check complete.

Anesthesia confirmed medication check complete.

Pre-op anesthesia questionnaire reviewed?

Does the patient have a:

Known allergy?
Difficult airway or aspiration risk?
Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?

Confirm all team members have been identified by name and role.

Antibiotic prophylaxis given.

DVT prophylaxis- anticoagulant/ medical devices.

Essential imaging displayed.

Service-specific positioning support, and equipment needs established (i.e., implants).

Carry out a **Surgical Pause:**
Patient's name
Planned procedure
Surgical site

Communicate anticipated Critical Events.

Surgeon and Nurse verbally confirms:

The name of the procedure.

Completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts.

Specimen labeling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name).

Unanticipated events

Confirm post-operative destination and status.

