Surgical Safety Checklist
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☐ Before Induction of Anaesthesia
  ☐ Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?
  ☐ Is the surgical site marked?
  ☐ Is the anaesthesia machine and medication check complete?
  ☐ Is the pulse oximeter on the patient and functioning?
  ☐ Does the patient have a known allergy?
  ☐ Does the patient have difficult airway or aspiration risk?
  ☐ Does the patient have Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?

☐ Before Skin Incision
  ☐ Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role.
  ☐ Confirm the patient’s name, procedure, and where the incision will be made.
  ☐ Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?
  ☐ What are the critical or non-routine steps?
  ☐ How long will the case take?
  ☐ What is the anticipated blood loss?
  ☐ Are there any patient-specific concerns?
  ☐ Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed?
  ☐ Are there equipment issues or any concerns?
  ☐ Is essential imaging displayed?

☐ Before Patient Leaves Operating Room
  ☐ Confirm the name of the procedure.
  ☐ Confirm completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts.
  ☐ Confirm specimen labelling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name).
  ☐ Confirm whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed.
  ☐ What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?

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