

# 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?