


COMPREHENSIVE SURGICAL CHECKLIST

Blue = World Health Organization (WHO) Green = The Joint Commission - Universal Protocol (JC) 2010 National Patient Safety Goals Orange = JC and WHO

| PREPROCEDURE CHECK-IN | SIGN-IN | TIME-OUT | SIGN-OUT |
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| In Holding Area | Before Induction of Anesthesia | Before Skin Incision | Before the Patient Leaves the Operating Room |
| Patient/patient representative actively confirms with Registered Nurse (RN): | RN and anesthesia care provider confirm: | Initiated by designated team member All other activities to be suspended (unless a life-threatening emergency) | RN confirms: |
| <p>Identity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Procedure and procedure site <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Consent(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Site marked <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A by person performing the procedure</p> <p>RN confirms presence of: History and physical <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Preanesthesia assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Diagnostic and radiologic test results <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Blood products <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Any special equipment, devices, implants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Include in Preprocedure check-in as per institutional custom: Beta blocker medication given (SCIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis ordered (SCIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Normothermia measures (SCIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> </div> | <p>Confirmation of: identity, procedure, procedure site and consent(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Site marked <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A by person performing the procedure</p> <p>Patient allergies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Difficult airway or aspiration risk? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (preparation confirmed)</p> <p>Risk of blood loss (> 500 ml) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A # of units available _____</p> <p>Anesthesia safety check completed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Briefing: All members of the team have discussed care plan and addressed concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> | <p>Introduction of team members <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>All: Confirmation of the following: identity, procedure, incision site, consent(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Site is marked and visible <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Relevant images properly labeled and displayed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Any equipment concerns?</p> <p>Anticipated Critical Events Surgeon: States the following: <input type="checkbox"/> critical or nonroutine steps <input type="checkbox"/> case duration <input type="checkbox"/> anticipated blood loss</p> <p>Anesthesia Provider: <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic prophylaxis within one hour before incision <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Additional concerns?</p> <p>Scrub and circulating nurse: <input type="checkbox"/> Sterilization indicators have been confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Additional concerns?</p> | <p>Name of operative procedure Completion of sponge, sharp, and instrument counts <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Specimens identified and labeled <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Any equipment problems to be addressed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>To all team members: What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient? _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____</p> <p>April 2010</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div> |

The JC does not stipulate which team member initiates any section of the checklist except for site marking.
 The Joint Commission also does not stipulate where these activities occur. See the Universal Protocol for details on the Joint Commission requirements.