# Surgical Safety Checklist

**Before induction of anaesthesia**

*(with at least nurse and anaesthetist)*

- Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?
  - Yes
- Is the site marked?
  - Yes
- Is the anaesthesia machine and medication check complete?
  - Yes
- Is the pulse oximeter on the patient and functioning?
  - Yes
- Does the patient have a:
  - Known allergy?
    - No
    - Yes
  - Difficult airway or aspiration risk?
    - No
    - Yes, and equipment/assistance available
  - Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?
    - No
    - Yes, and two IVs/central access and fluids planned

**Before skin incision**

*(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)*

- 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?
  - Yes
  - Not applicable

**Anticipated Critical Events**

**To Surgeon:**
- What are the critical or non-routine steps?
- How long will the case take?
- What is the anticipated blood loss?

**To Anaesthetist:**
- Are there any patient-specific concerns?

**To Nursing Team:**
- Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed?
- Are there equipment issues or any concerns?
- Is essential imaging displayed?
  - Yes
  - Not applicable

**Before patient leaves operating room**

*(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)*

- Nurse Verbally Confirms:
  - The name of the procedure
  - Completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts
  - Specimen labelling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name)
  - Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed

**To Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Nurse:**
- What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?

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This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Additions and modifications to fit local practice are encouraged.

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