

SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

BRIEFING

Before induction of anesthesia (Physician initiated)

- ❑ **Patient is introduced to members of the team**
- ❑ **Patient introduces self and information is confirmed**
 - Identity (2 identifiers: armband & consent)
 - Review consent(s) procedure
 - Site marked
- ❑ **Allergies**
- ❑ **Medications**
 - Antibiotic prophylaxis: double dose?
- ❑ **VTE Prophylaxis**
 - Review calculated Caprini score
 - Mechanical SCD's
 - Anticoagulant
- ❑ **Patient positioning and support**
- ❑ **Warming device**
- ❑ **Special precautions**
- ❑ **Estimated Blood Loss**
 - Patient grouped, screened and cross matched
 - Blood products available as required

❑ **Anesthesiologist review**

- Type of Anesthetic planned
- Confirm equipment check
- Monitoring in place
- ASA Class

❑ **Surgeon review**

- Specific patient concerns
- PACS image reviewed
- Planned specimen management
- Special instruments or implants
- Expected procedure time

❑ **Nurse review**

- Specific patient concerns
- Equipment / implant issues

❑ **Patient delay reason reviewed by team and documented (if applicable)**

TIME OUT

Before skin incision (Nurse / Physician initiated)

- ❑ **Surgeon(s), Anesthesiologist(s), and Nurse(s) verbally confirm:**
 - Patient identity as per consent
 - Consent procedure
 - Site, side and level marking visible
 - Antibiotic prophylaxis confirmation or double dose
 - VTE prophylaxis confirmation (mechanical and anticoagulant)

DEBRIEFING

Before patient leaves OR (Nurse initiated)

- ❑ **Nurse review with entire team**
 - Procedure as documented
 - Results of surgical count reviewed
 - Specimen labeling and management (check identifier and reconfirm specimen labeling)
 - Wound class as documented
 - Equipment problems to be addressed
- ❑ **Surgeon and Anesthesiologist review with entire team**
 - Key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?
 - Post-op destination
- ❑ **Any other issues requiring follow up?**