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SAFE SURGERY CHECKLIST

LET'S KEEP PATIENTS SAFE: USE YOUR SAFE SURGERY CHECKLIST FOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES IN THE OPERATING ROOM

*See your site/program policy, procedure or guideline
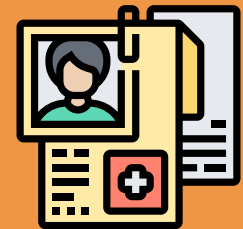Note: Patient/Client/Resident used interchangeably

Prevent Patient Harm

Using a safe surgery checklist can reduce preventable patient injury and improve surgical outcomes for the patient.

Use a Safe Surgery Checklist

Your surgical team must:
- Use a three phase surgical checklist for every surgery done in the operating room (O.R.)
- Document completion of list in patient record

Three Phases

1) 'Briefing'- before induction of anesthesia
Items checked in this phase may include:
- Risk of blood loss has been identified
- Surgical site has been marked
- Pre-op antibiotics have been ordered?

2) 'Time Out' - before skin incision
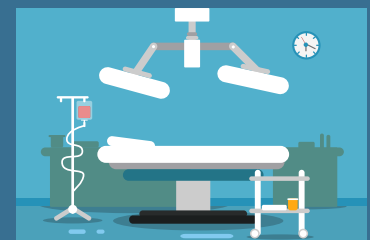Items checked in this phase may include:
- Confirm right patient, procedure & site
- Diagnostic images & /or reports available
- Time out - any questions from the team?

3) 'Debriefing' - before patient leaves O.R.
Items checked in this phase may include:
- Instrument, sponge & needle count
- Review any intra-operative events
- Recovery & management plans

Evaluation

The use of the checklist is evaluated. The results shared with the team, and used to make improvements.

Need more information?
Contact your coordinator /supervisor /manager or quality safety lead.