Blue Safety Checklist Surgical Safety



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1 Sign In (Before induction of anaesthesia)	2 Time Out (Before skin incision)	3 Sign Out (Before patient leaves operating room)
 Patient has confirmed: Identity Site Procedure Consent Site marked/not applicable Anaesthesia safety check completed Pulse oximeter on patient and functioning Does patient have a known allergy? No Yes Difficult airway/aspiration risk? No Yes, and equipment /assistance available Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)? No Yes, and adequate intravenous access and fluids planned 	Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role Surgeon, anaesthesia professional and nurse verbally confirm: Patient Site Procedure Anticipated critical events Surgeon reviews: What are the critical or unexpected steps, operative duration, anticipated blood loss? Anaesthesia team reviews: Are there any patient-specific concerns? Nursing team reviews: Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed? Are there equipment issues or any concerns? Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes? Yes Not applicable Is essential imaging displayed? Yes Not applicable	Nurse verbally confirms with the team: The name of the procedure recorded That instrument, sponge and needle counts are correct (or not applicable) How the specimen is labelled (including patient name) Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed Surgeon, anaesthesia professional and nurse review the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient