### 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  
  - Not applicable

- 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 any equipment issues or concerns?

**Before patient leaves operating room**  
(with nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)

- Is essential imaging displayed?  
  - Yes  
  - Not applicable

**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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