

# Ambulatory Safe Surgery Checklist template

Hospital Name

## **Before Induction of Anesthesia**

**Nurse** and **Anesthesia Professional** verify with the **Patient**:

- Patient identification (name and DOB)
- Surgical site
- Surgical procedure to be performed matches the consent
- Site marked
- Known allergies
- Patient positioning
- Patient weight

**Nurse** and **Anesthesia Professional** verify:

- Implants available in the OR
  - Correct size and type
- Essential imaging available
- Risk of hypothermia (if operation >1 hour)
  - Warmer in place
- Risk of venous thromboembolism
  - Boots in place and/or anticoagulants
- Anesthesia safety check completed

**Nurse** and **Anesthesia Professional** share:

- Anticipated airway or aspiration risk
- Changes in patient's cardiac history
- Changes in patient's respiratory history

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## Before Skin Incision

### TIME OUT

**Circulating Nurse** asks:

*"Is everyone ready to perform the time out?  
Please state your name and role."*

**Entire Team** confirms:

- Patient name
- Surgical procedure to be performed
- Surgical site
- Essential imaging available
- Antibiotic prophylaxis given within the last 60 minutes

### TEAM BRIEFING

**Surgeon/Proceduralist** shares:

- Any changes to procedure plan
- Possible difficulties

**Anesthesia Professional** shares:

- Anesthetic plan
- Airway concerns
- Other concerns

**Circulating Nurse** and **Scrub Tech** share:

- All medications are correct and labeled
- Implant type and size
- Equipment availability or issues
- Other concerns

**Surgeon/Proceduralist** asks:

*"Does anybody have any concerns?  
If you see something that concerns you  
during this case, please speak up."*

## Before Patient Leaves Room

**Nurse** reviews with team:

- Instrument, sponge, and needle counts
- Name of the procedure performed

**Nurse** reads aloud to team:

- Specimen labeling, including patient's name

### TEAM DEBRIEFING

**Entire Team** discusses:

- Key concerns for patient recovery and management
- Equipment problems that need to be addressed
- Other opportunities for improvement