

OREGON SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

BEFORE INDUCTION OF ANESTHESIA
(Circulator or Anesthesia Provider Led)



BEFORE SKIN INCISION (TIME OUT)
(Surgeon Led)



BEFORE PATIENT LEAVES ROOM
(Circulator Led)

Circulator to the team:
I have confirmed the following with the patient (State patient's name, procedure, site, etc.):

- Patient name
- Surgical site
- Surgical procedure to be performed
- Consent
- The site has been marked

Anesthesia provider with the team:

- The anesthesia safety check has been completed
- Review of patient allergies
- Anticipated airway or aspiration difficulty
 - Required equipment/assistance available
- Active warming in place

Circulator to the team:

- Has sterility been confirmed (including indicator results)?
- Is there a need for blood products? [anticipated loss >500ml or 7ml/kg in children]
- Are external compression devices in place if needed?
- If patient has been on a beta-blocker, is dosing needed now or during surgery?

BEFORE INDUCTION check complete

Circulator: Attention! We need to do a TIME OUT.

Surgeon to the team: We'll start by introducing ourselves and our roles.

- This is [patient's name]
- We are doing [procedure/site/laterality] as stated on the consent.
- I have confirmed that the patient is in the correct position for this procedure.
- I have confirmed that the site marking is visible.
- Review of patient allergies if indicated

Circulator to the surgeon:

- How long will the case take?
- What is the anticipated blood loss?
- Are there any critical steps?
- Is essential imaging available and accessible?

Circulator to the anesthesia provider:

- Have antibiotics been started within the required time and documented?

Circulator to the team:

- Baseline counts have been completed
- Implants, medications, and solutions are available
- Are there equipment issues or other concerns?

Surgeon to the team:

- Have all concerns been addressed?
- I request that anyone who has a concern at any time speak up.
- Does everyone agree we are ready to go?

BEFORE SKIN INCISION check complete

Circulator to the team:

- How shall I record the procedure name?
- What is the wound classification for this case?
- I have _____ (#) specimens and have labeled them as _____.
- Are there special instructions for the pathologist?
- I have verified that the counts are correct.
- Are there any equipment issues to be addressed?
- What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?

Optional:
Is there anything we could have done better?

BEFORE LEAVING ROOM check complete

Based on the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist developed by:

