Surgical Safety Checklist

**Before induction of anaesthesia** (with at least nurse and anaesthetist)

- Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?  
  - No
  - 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 equipment issues or any concerns?

Is essential imaging displayed?  
- Yes
- Not applicable

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

- 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?

This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Additions and modifications to fit local practice are encouraged.

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