

Surgical Safety Checklist

STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN



Pre-Procedure Verification Complete prior to entering procedure room	Time Out Complete after prep and drape, immediately prior to incision	Debrief and Sign-Out Complete before attending proceduralist leaves room or before drapes removed
Nursing Team: Confirm patient name and date of birth, procedure, site, and consent? Documentation Review: Surgical H&P within 30 days of procedure and attested to by surgeon within 24 hours? Preoperative medical evaluations and consents completed? (POMA)	✓ Each Team Member announces his/her name and role. ✓ Is this overlapping surgery? (If so, identify any co- or backup surgeons) ✓ Patient's name and date of birth confirmed? ✓ Site and Laterality verified by review of imaging? ✓ Procedure and laterality verified on consent form? ✓ Proper positioning/padding reviewed and marked	 ✓ Name of procedure? ✓ Pre- and postoperative diagnosis? ✓ Specimens handled correctly (2 patient identifiers, preservation, containers)? ✓ EBL, fluid intake, and output reviewed? ✓ Postoperative medical concerns addressed (Antibiotics, DVT prevention, Foley plan)?
Procedure and laterality match final OR schedule and consent? Anesthesiology Team: Pre-anesthetic assessment, medical & airway/aspiration risk evaluated? Type and screen/blood products	 ✔ Proper positioning/padding reviewed and marked surgical site visible? ✓ Sufficient time elapsed for skin prep to dry and fire safety check? ✓ HIGH RISK FIRE CASES: Discussed preparatory plan and delineated roles in case of fire? ✓ Equipment/implants available? ✓ Diagnosis, allergies, and patient condition verified (ASA score)? 	 ✓ Disposition addressed (e.g. home, ICU, PACU bypass) ✓ Field reviewed for retention of foreign bodies or plan in place for removal of intentionally left foreign bodies? ✓ Any unexpected events (e.g. needle stick) or equipment malfunction? ✓ What could we have done better?
All necessary imaging/imaging reports and pathology reports are labeled with patient name, date of birth, and available? Laterality verified using images?	 ✓ DVT prophylaxis initiated and antibiotics given (if applicable)? ✓ Complexity of procedure and any critical steps reviewed? (e.g blood, second timeout, specimen handling) ✓ Disposition planning made (e.g. ICU bed)? ✓ Any other concerns (e.g. special precautions, needle stick prevention)? 	 ✓ Are the instrument, sponge, and needle counts correct? (Must notify attending surgeon of miscounts) Drapes can be removed after debrief is complete □ Check here when debrief
Discuss Plans with Team Members N/A = not applicable	Incision can be made after timeout is complete! ☐ Check here when time out complete	complete

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Nerve Block #1 Pre-Procedure Verification	Nerve Block Time Out (Requires presence of Healthcare Provider not participating in regional block procedure)		
Completed pre-procedure checklist verified by Anesthesia Attending? ✓ Yes Site marked with surgeon initials verified by Anesthesia Attending? ✓ Yes Anesthesia Attending places initials on the block site? ✓ Yes Indicate Block Type	Anesthesia Attending supervising/performing block initiates time out? ✓ Yes Patient identified by Name & DOB by Anesthesia Attending & Healthcare Provider? ✓ Yes Regional block procedure verified against surgical consent by Anethesia Attending & Healthcare Provider? ✓ Yes Regional Block site and initials visible to all & verified by Healthcare Provider? ✓ Yes		
Attending Anesthesiologist	Healthcare Provider (stays until ultrasound exam started or needle enters skin)		
I attest that the above activities have been completed.	I attest that the above activities have been completed.		
(Signature) Date/	(Signature) Date/		
(Print) Time : am pm	(Print) Time : am pm		
Additional Time Out			
Neuraxial Block (patient name/DOB, site, procedure verified) or Nerve Block #2 (see above):	Spine surgery, bilateral organ robotic/laparoscopic surgery		
Indicate Block Type	(RN Signature) Date//		
(Attending Anesth Sign) Date/	(Print) Time : am pm		
(Print) Time : am pm	New procedure/new surgeon entering		
(Healthcare Provider Sign) Date//	(RN Signature) Date/		
(Print) Time : am pm	(Print) Time : am pm		
Sign-Offs			
Surgeon (Prior to OR entry)	Circulating Nurse (After completion of Time Out)		
(Signature) Date//	(Signature) Date//		
(Print) Time : am pm	(Print) Time : am pm		