

# **AHS Safe Surgery Checklist - SSC**

# **Before Induction of Anesthesia**

# **Briefing**

Patient (family member) and surgical team members have verbally confirmed:

- Patient identity
- Procedure
- Site, side or level
- Consent(s)
- Known allergies and reactions
- NPO status

### Special precautions

- Malignant hyperthermia
- Latex
- Isolation
- Other

### Weight (Kg) recorded on chart

Anesthesia safety and equipment check completed

# Difficult airway/aspiration risk

• Applicable equipment / assistance available

# Patient positioning and support confirmed

Relevant and special equipment confirmed and in room:

- Prosthesis
- Warming devices
- Loaner instrument

# Relevant tests completed and checked:

- Laboratory
  - Pregnancy
  - Crossmatch (Type and Screen)
- Radiology

# **Before Skin Incision**

# Time Out

All team members have introduced themselves by name and role

Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, and Nurse have verbally confirmed:

- Patient
- Procedure
- Site

Anticipated critical events:

- Surgeon review:
  - Critical or unexpected steps
  - Procedure duration
  - Risk of >500mL (7mL/Kg in Children) blood loss
- Anesthesiologist review:
  - Patient-specific concerns
  - · Adequate intravenous access and fluid planned
- Nursing review:
  - Sterility issues
  - Equipment issues

# Applicable medication concerns:

- Antibiotic prophylaxis given within last 60 minutes
- Thromboprophylaxis (VTE) ordered:
  - Anticoagulant
  - Mechanical
- Other specific medication concerns

# **Essential imaging displayed**

Any other questions or concerns before proceeding?

# Before Patient Leaves Operating Room

# **Debriefing**

Surgical team have verbally confirmed:

- Name of the procedure
- Applicable sponge, needle and instrument counts
- Specimen labeling and handling
- Equipment problems addressed

# Surgical team have reviewed recovery plan:

- Patient disposition
- Analgesia
- O<sub>2</sub> needs for transfer
- Specific concerns

This checklist was adapted from the World Health Organization (WHO) Surgical Safety Checklist (URL: http://www.who.int/patientsafety/safesurgery/en; © World Health Organization 2008, All Rights Reserved). Version 9 (February 27, 2012)