



AHS Safe Surgery Checklist – Ophthalmology

BRIEFING - LOCAL ANAESTHESIA

Before Induction

O.R. Team & Patient (family member) verbally confirm:

- Patient
- Site Correct Eye verified with:

 Booking Sheet, Consent, OR Slate, History
- Procedure
- Allergies
- NPO status
- Antibiotics

Does Patient have:

- Difficult Airway
- Diabetes
- History of Flomax / Alpha 1-A Inhibitor
- History of Anticoagulants
- Other concerns/conditions

Special precautions

- Latex
- Isolation
- Other
- SITE MARKED prior to procedure.
- SURGEON confirms site as soon as available before surgical procedure.

STOP!

Do not proceed with ANAESTHESIA if any discrepancy between documentation AND patient verbal.

- Physician will review with the patient
- Action taken and resolution of the discrepancy are to be documented by the operating physician and nurse.

Select BRIEFING - GENERAL ANAESTHESIA

Before Induction

Surgeon, Anesthesia provider & Nurse verbally confirm:

- Patient
- Site Correct Eye verified with:

 Booking Sheet, Consent, OR Slate, History
- Procedure
- Allergies
- NPO status
- Antibiotics

Does Patient Have:

- Difficult Airway
- Diabetes
- History of Flomax / Alpha 1-A Inhibitor
- History of Anticoagulants
- Other concerns/conditions
- **SITE MARKED** prior to procedure
- SURGEON confirms site as soon as available before surgical procedure.

Anticipated critical events

- Surgeon reviews
 - Operative Plan
 - Irrigating solutions
 - Medications and/or additives
 - Supplies / Implants / IOL / Bio-tissue
 - Pathology requirements, handling, labelling and transport
- Anaesthesia reviews
 - Any patient concerns
- Nursing team reviews
 - Sterility
 - Equipment and instrument issues
 - Concerns

Before Eye Surgery (Local or General)

All team members introduce themselves by name and role

TIME OUT

O.R. TEAM verbally confirms:

- Patient
- Site Correct Eye verified with Consent
- Procedure
- Allergies
- Antibiotics

As appropriate, confirm if patient has:

- Difficult Airway
- Diabetes
- History of **Flomax** / Alpha 1-A Inhibitor
- History of Anticoagulants

Anticipated critical events

- Surgeon reviews
 - Operative Plan
 - Irrigating solutions
 - Medications and/or additives
 - Implants / IOL / Bio-tissue
 - Pathology requirements
 - Devices
- OR Team reviews
 - Any patient concerns
 - Air-O² delivery for blocks
 - Concerns

Before Patient Leaves O.R. O.R. team verbally confirms:

Name of procedure recorded

DEBRIEFING

- Applicable sponge, needle and instrument count
- Specimen labelling
- Equipment and instrument issues addressed
- Incident Reporting
- Key concerns for recovery and management of patient
 - Positioning
- Diabetic monitoring
- O² requirements