



# Surgical Safety

## 1 Sign In (Before induction of anaesthesia)

- Patient has confirmed:**
  - Identity
  - Site
  - Procedure
  - Consent
- Site marked/not applicable**
- Anaesthesia safety check completed**
- Pulse oximeter on patient and functioning**
- Does patient have a known allergy?**
  - No
  - Yes
- Difficult airway/aspiration risk?**
  - No
  - Yes, and equipment /assistance available
- Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?**
  - No
  - Yes, and adequate intravenous access and fluids planned

## 2 Time Out (Before skin incision)

- Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role**
- Surgeon, anaesthesia professional and nurse verbally confirm:**
  - Patient
  - Site
  - Procedure
- Anticipated critical events**
  - Surgeon reviews:** What are the critical or unexpected steps, operative duration, anticipated blood loss?
  - Anaesthesia team reviews:** Are there any patient-specific concerns?
  - Nursing team reviews:** Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed? Are there equipment issues or any concerns?
- Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?**
  - Yes
  - Not applicable
- Is essential imaging displayed?**
  - Yes
  - Not applicable

## 3 Sign Out (Before patient leaves operating room)

- Nurse verbally confirms with the team:**
- The name of the procedure recorded**
  - That instrument, sponge and needle counts are correct** (or not applicable)
  - How the specimen is labelled**  
(including patient name)
  - Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed**
  - Surgeon, anaesthesia professional and nurse review the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient**