WHO SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (ADVANCED DRAFT)

Prior to induction of anaesthesia

PATIENT 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 IV ACCESS/FLUIDS PLANNED

Prior to 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?

ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS GIVEN IN LAST 60 MINUTES?

✓ YES
NOT APPLICABLE

ESSENTIAL IMAGING DISPLAYED?

✓ YES
NOT APPLICABLE

Prior to patient leaving the 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 LABELED (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

WORLD ALLIANCE FOR PATIENT SAFETY