

PAEDIATRIC SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST



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Before induction of anaesthesia

Patient/Parent has confirmed

- Identity
- Procedure
- Operation site
- Consent

Site marked? Yes No Not Applicable

Adequately fasted? Yes No

Time of last:

Meal.....

Drink

Are all X-rays / documents necessary for surgery with the patient?

Yes No Not Applicable

Does patient have a:

- known allergy? Yes No
- difficult airway Yes No
if yes, is equipment/assistance available? Yes No
- risk of blood loss >7ml/kg? Yes No
- adequate venous access? Yes No

Before skin incision

Surgeon and anaesthesiologist confirm:

- Patient identity
- Operation site
- Procedure

Positioning of patient checked?

X-Ray protection checked?

Protection from electrocautery checked?

Anticipated critical events:

Surgery: Kind of Operation, planned time

Risk for blood loss? Yes No

If yes:

Blood available/checked? Yes No

Blood components available/checked? Yes No

Antibiotics before skin incision?

Yes No Not Necessary

Anaesthesia:

Specific Problems? Yes No

Scrub Nurse:

- Necessary equipment available/checked?
- Initial count checked?
- Sterility indicators checked?

Essential imaging displayed? Yes No Not Applicable

Before patient leaves operating room

Nurse verbally confirms with the team:

- Instrument, sponge and needle counts are correct
- Any specimens are adequately labelled (including patient name)
- Documentation of implanted material is filled in correctly
- IV lines connected to the child are sufficiently flushed
- Any problems with the equipment which need to be addressed
- Surgeon's orders for postoperative therapy have been documented
- Anaesthesiologist's orders for postoperative therapy and recovery management of the patient have been documented

Patient's name Date of birth I.D. Date of surgery

Signature Sign in Signature Anaesthesiologist Signature Surgeon