

Identity – check against front sheet, wristband, safer sleep, and confirm verbally with patient or guardian:

- Name
- Date of birth
- NHI
- State known allergies and confirm with patient or guardian

Procedure – checked against consent and confirmed with patient or guardian:

- Name of procedure
- Side (*if relevant*)
- Site marked (*if relevant*)
- Are required implants/ instruments available (*if relevant*)
- Is the surgeon available (*if not in the room*)

Airway examined and airway management plan shared

Group and Screen status confirmed or not required

Time out – After positioning and before skin incision

Surgeon

Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Nurse verify:

- Patient Name
- Procedure
- Site Marking + Side
- Positioning
- Correct imaging on display

Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?

Measures or plans for thromboprophylaxis during surgery considered?

Is blood availability status appropriate to risk of bleeding?

Concerns or potential critical events?

- Surgeon
- Anaesthetist
- Nursing Team
- Other disciplines (*where relevant*)

Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role.

Sign out – Immediately following first surgical closing count *Nurse*

Nurse verbally confirms with the team:

- Count is correct
- Confirm the surgical procedure
- Specimen description, quantity and patient identification correct
- Concerns for recovery and postoperative management of patient
- Post operative plans for thromboprophylaxis considered