

Surgical Safety Verbal Confirmations: Teams *talking* to ensure patient safety

SIGN IN

Before induction of anaesthesia

A	Confirming details <i>with</i> patient
	Identity
	Procedure
	Operation site and side
	Allergies
	Consent
A	Confirming surgeon has marked site
A	Confirming preparations
	Airway risks
	Blood loss risk
	Adequate IV and fluids
	Plan to address risks
	Antibiotic prophylaxis
NT	Confirming special equipment, prostheses

PRE-REGIONAL BLOCK PAUSE

A	Confirming details <i>with</i> patient
	Identity
	Operation site and side
	Confirming surgeon has marked site

TIME OUT

Before skin incision

All	Introducing yourself by name and role
All	Confirming patient and procedure
	Patient's identity
	Procedure
	Operation site and side
	Allergies
	Essential imaging displayed
S	Briefing from surgical team
	Operation duration
	Critical or atypical steps anticipated
	Blood loss
	Blood availability appropriate to bleeding risk
	Thromboprophylaxis considerations
A	Briefing from anaesthetic team
	Concerns
	ASA
	Antibiotic prophylaxis ☺
NT	Confirming special equipment, prostheses
	Sterility indicators

SIGN OUT

Before patient leaves the OR

NT	Confirming post-operative tasks
	Counts correct: instrument, sponge, needle
	Procedure recorded
	Specimen details: description, quantity, and patient identification
	Equipment problems to be addressed
All	Reviewing recovery concerns and management plan
S	Confirming thromboprophylaxis plan

Key:

A	👤 Anaesthetist lead
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S	👤 Surgeon lead
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NT	👤 Nursing Team lead
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