### Surgical Safety Checklist

**Before induction of anaesthesia**

(With at least nurse and anaesthetist)

- **Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?**
  - Yes

- **Is the site marked?**
  - Yes
  - Not applicable

- **Is the anaesthesia machine and medication check complete?**
  - Yes

- **Is the pulse oximeter on the patient and functioning?**
  - Yes

- **Does the patient have a:**
  - **Known allergy?**
    - No
    - Yes
  - **Difficult airway or aspiration risk?**
    - No
    - Yes, and equipment/assistance available
  - **Risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?**
    - No
    - Yes, and two IVs/central access and fluids planned

**Before skin incision**

(With nurse, anaesthetist and surgeon)

- **Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role.**
- **Confirm the patient’s name, procedure, and where the incision will be made.**

- **Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?**
  - Yes
  - Not applicable

### Anticipated Critical Events

**To Surgeon:**
- What are the critical or non-routine steps?
- How long will the case take?
- What is the anticipated blood loss?

**To Anaesthetist:**
- Are there any patient-specific concerns?

**To Nursing Team:**
- Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed?
- Are there equipment issues or any concerns?

**Is essential imaging displayed?**
- Yes
- Not applicable

**Nurse Verbally Confirms:**
- The name of the procedure
- Completion of instrument, sponge and needle counts
- Specimen labelling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name)
- Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed

**To Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Nurse:**
- What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?

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This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Additions and modifications to fit local practice are encouraged.