

Anesthesia Safety Checklist Example for Operating Room

1. Before Induction of Anesthesia

- Patient identity, surgical site and procedure confirmed Consent form signed and available Anesthesia machine and equipment checked Difficult airway/equipment prepared if needed Suction functioning and available Monitoring equipment connected (ECG, SpO₂, NIBP, EtCO₂, as needed) IV access established and patent Drug allergies confirmed Risk of aspiration assessed; fasting status confirmed Blood products available if required Prophylactic antibiotics administered if indicated

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2. Before Skin Incision

- Team introduction and roles confirmed Verbal confirmation of patient, procedure and site by all team Anticipated critical events and concerns discussed Anesthesia plan communicated (including pain management) Prophylaxis for DVT and infection verified Sterility confirmed

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3. Before Patient Leaves Operating Room

- Procedure, sponge/instrument/counts confirmed complete Complications during procedure discussed Postoperative airway/ventilation and pain management plan checked Recovery team and transfer plan communicated Patient ID band checked before handover Documentation completed

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