

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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