COMPREHENSIVE SURGICAL CHECKLIST

Blue = World Health Organization (WHO)

Green = The Joint Commission - Universal Protocol 2016 National Patient Safety Goals Teal = Joint Commission and WHO

PREPROCEDURE CHECK-IN	SIGN-IN	TIME-OUT	SIGN-OUT
In Preoperative Ready Area	Before Induction of Anesthesia	Before Skin Incision	Before the Patient Leaves the Operating Room
Patient or patient representative actively confirms with registered nurse (RN):	RN and anesthesia professional confirm:	Initiated by designated team member: All other activities to be suspended (except in case of life-threatening emergency)	RN confirms:
Identity □ Yes Procedure and procedure site □ Yes	Confirmation of the following: identity, procedure, procedure site, and consent(s) Yes Site marked Yes N/A by person performing the procedure Patient allergies Yes N/A Pulse oximeter on patient Yes Difficult airway or aspiration risk No Yes (preparation confirmed) Risk of blood loss (> 500 mL) Yes N/A # of units available Anesthesia safety check completed Yes Briefing:	Introduction of team members Yes All: Confirmation of the following: identity, procedure, incision site, consent(s) Yes Site is marked and visible Yes N/A Fire Risk Assessment and Discussion Yes (prevention methods implemented) N/A Relevant images properly labeled and displayed Yes N/A Any equipment concerns Yes N/A Anticipated Critical Events Surgeon: States the following:	Name of operative procedure:
Consent(s) □ Yes Site marked □ Yes □ N/A by the person performing the procedure RN confirms presence of: History and physical □ Yes Preanesthesia assessment □ Yes Nursing assessment □ Yes Diagnostic and radiologic test results □ Yes □ N/A Blood products □ Yes □ N/A Any special equipment, devices, implants □ Yes □ N/A			Completion of sponge, sharp, and instrument counts Yes N/A Specimens identified and labeled Yes N/A Equipment problems to be addressed Yes N/A Discussion of Wound Classification Yes To all team members: What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?
Include in Preprocedure check-in as per institutional custom: Beta blocker medication given Yes N/A Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis ordered Yes N/A Normothermia measures Yes N/A	All members of the team have discussed care plan and addressed concerns □ Yes	 □ Anticipated blood loss Anesthesia professional: Antibiotic prophylaxis within 1 hour before incision □ Yes □ N/A Additional concerns □ Yes □ N/A Scrub person and RN circulator: Sterilization indicators confirmed □ Yes Additional concerns □ Yes □ N/A RN: Documented completion of time out □ Yes 	Debriefing with all team members: Opportunity for discussion of - team performance - key events - any permanent changes in the preference card June 2016



The Joint Commission does not stipulate which team member initiates any section of the checklist except for site marking. The Joint Commission also does not stipulate where these activities occur. See the Universal Protocol for details on the Joint Commission requirements.