

Hospital Surgical Safety Checklist (UK)

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DATE	PATIENT NAME / NHS NO.	PROCEDURE	SURGEON	ANAESTHETIST	SCRUB PRACTITIONER
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SIGN IN — BEFORE ANAESTHESIA

- Patient identity confirmed (name + DOB + wristband)
- Procedure and site confirmed with patient
- Surgical site marked by operating surgeon
NatSSIPs — indelible mark at or near site
- Consent form signed, complete and on notes
- Anaesthetic machine and drug check completed
- Pulse oximeter on patient and working

 Known allergy? NKDA Yes — red wristband

 Difficult airway / aspiration risk? No Yes — plan and equipment ready

 Risk of blood loss > 500 ml? No Yes — group & save / crossmatch

TIME OUT — BEFORE KNIFE-TO-SKIN

- All team members introduced by name and role
- Patient, site and procedure confirmed aloud
- Antibiotic prophylaxis given (within 60 min)? Yes Not indicated
- Essential imaging displayed? Yes Not applicable
- Surgeon — critical steps, duration, blood loss?
- Anaesthesia — patient-specific concerns?
- Nursing — sterility confirmed, equipment?
- VTE prophylaxis in place? TEDs LMWH Both Not indicated

SIGN OUT — BEFORE PATIENT LEAVES THEATRE

- Procedure name confirmed and recorded
- Instrument, swab and sharp counts correct Correct Discrepancy — action taken
- Specimens labelled correctly Yes No specimens
- Equipment problems to report? None Yes — documented
- Key recovery concerns communicated
- Post-op instructions and VTE plan documented

Checklist completed by _____

Notes

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