

# WHO Surgical Safety Checklist: for Radiological Interventions ONLY

(adapted from the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist)



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## SIGN IN (To be read out loud)

### Before giving anaesthetic (local or general)

Have all team members introduced themselves by name and role?

Yes

All team members verbally confirm:

What is the patient's name?

What procedure, site and position are planned?

*If general anaesthetic given the two questions above should be moved to the beginning of TIME OUT*

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

Yes

Has essential imaging been reviewed?

Yes  N/A

Are all IRMER requirements met?

Yes

Is the procedural site marked?

Yes  N/A

Is the anaesthesia machine/monitoring equipment and medication check complete?

Yes  N/A

Does the patient have a known allergy?

No  Yes

anticipated risk of >500ml blood loss (7ml/kg in children)?

No  Yes (and adequate IV access/fluids planned)

Have risk factors for bleeding and renal failure been checked?

Yes  N/A

Has Antibiotic prophylaxis been given?

Yes  N/A

Has VTE prophylaxis been undertaken?

Yes  N/A

Is the required equipment available and in date?

Yes

Are there any critical or unexpected steps you want the team to know about?

Yes  N/A

## ONLY IF GENERAL ANAESTHETIC IS GIVEN

### TIME OUT (To be read out loud)

Before start of radiological intervention  
(for example needle to skin)

Anticipated critical events

Anaesthetist (if present):

Is the anaesthetic machine check complete?

Does the patient have a difficult airway/aspiration risk?

Yes  N/A

Are there any patient-specific concerns?

What is the patient's ASA grade?

What monitoring equipment and other specific levels of support are required, for example blood?

Registered practitioner/HCA:

Are there any equipment issues or concerns?

Has the surgical site infection (SSI) bundle been undertaken?

Yes  N/A

- Antibiotic prophylaxis

- Patient warming

- Hair removal

- Glycaemic control

## SIGN OUT (To be read out loud)

### Before any member of the team leaves the room

Registered Practitioner/HCA verbally confirms with the team:

Has the name and side of the procedure been recorded?

Have all pieces of invasive equipment used been accounted for?

Have any implanted devices been recorded?

Have the specimens been labelled (including with patient's name)?

Have any equipment problems been identified that need to be addressed?

Radiologist, Anaesthetist and Registered Practitioner:

Have the instructions for post procedural care for this patient been agreed?

Remember to scan onto CRIS  
or record checklist has been undertaken

### PATIENT DETAILS

Last name:

First name:

Date of birth:

NHS Number:

Date of Procedure:

\*If the NHS Number is not immediately available, a temporary number should be used until it is

## The checklist is for Radiology Interventions ONLY

This modified checklist must not be used for other surgical procedures.

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