

SSC Check In

Nurse in Charge to check

- ✓ **Confirmed / available**
 - ✓ Support services e.g. radiology, histology
 - ✓ Surgeon, instruments, implants
- ✓ **Patient requirements**
 - ✓ Alerts / Warnings
 - ✓ Interpreter available

Pre - Anaesthetic check

- ✓ Patient (or parent/guardian) states name & DOB confirmed with patient wrist label
- ✓ Procedure confirmed with patient (parent / guardian) & site / side marked / labelled
- ✓ Consent signed
- ✓ Anaesthetic risk assessment e.g. ABCDE, allergies, blood G&H, units in theatre

Anaesthetic Pause prior to regional blocks
(2 person check) to verbally confirm

- ✓ Unilateral nerve block site confirmed

SSC Time Out

Surgeon leads



Confirm

- ✓ Patient identity
- ✓ Procedure / consent
- ✓ Allergies identified



Check

- ✓ Antibiotic prophylaxis given & recorded
- ✓ VTE risk assessment completed
- ✓ Patient positioning & pressure injury prevention
- ✓ Safe & correct restraints in place
- ✓ Potential critical events discussed

Speciality check as required

- ✓ Imaging available, Histology required
- ✓ Appropriate intraocular lens available
- ✓ Vaginal pack, Mirena[®] IUS requirements gynae cases

SSC Check Out

Circulating Nurse to lead



Identify or check

- ✓ Count correct at wound closure
- ✓ Actual procedure confirmed / recorded
- ✓ Specimens in correct medium, labeled
- ✓ Tissue disposal recorded
- ✓ Tourniquet removed
- ✓ Skin integrity checked

Theatre to PACU Handover

- ✓ Patient ID band in place
- ✓ Any key concerns identified
- ✓ Critical event recorded
- ✓ Active intervention required post op
- ✓ IV lines flushed or removed
- ✓ Pain relief / antiemetics charted
- ✓ Post-operative instructions documented
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