

# Surgical safety checklist

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## Time out

Surgeon to lead

**Before an incision, confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role**

**Surgeon, anaesthetist, and nurse verbally confirm:**

- Patient
- Site and side
- Procedure
- Consent
- Any known allergies

**Anticipated critical events**

**Surgeon reviews:**

Critical or unexpected steps, operative duration, anticipated blood loss?

**Anaesthesia team reviews:**

Patient specific concerns?

Has the ASA score been recorded?

**Nursing team reviews:**

Has sterility (including indicator results) been confirmed?

Are there equipment issues or concerns?

**Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?**

**Has the plan for VTE prophylaxis during the operation been carried out?**

**Is essential imaging displayed?**