

# Preoperative Checklist



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## Patient Information:

- Verify patient identity using two identifiers (e.g., name, date of birth).
- Confirm surgical procedure and site based on the patient's consent and medical records.
- Review patient's medical history, allergies, and current medications.
- Assess any preoperative tests and diagnostic results.

## Informed Consent:

- Ensure that the patient has signed a valid informed consent form for the intended procedure.
- Address any questions or concerns the patient may have regarding the surgery.

## Preoperative Testing:

- Confirm completion and review of any required preoperative tests (e.g., blood work, imaging).
- Ensure necessary consults (e.g., anesthesiology, cardiology) have been conducted.

## Anesthesia Evaluation:

- Anesthesia evaluation completed by an anesthesiologist or anesthesia provider.
- Discuss anesthesia plan, potential risks, and any patient concerns.

## Patient Preparation:

- Provide patient with preoperative instructions (e.g., fasting, medication guidelines).
- Ensure patient has removed any jewelry, contact lenses, and prosthetics.

## Surgical Site Preparation:

- Mark the surgical site as appropriate, and confirm it matches the patient's consent.
- Ensure proper skin antisepsis has been performed in accordance with guidelines.

## Team Briefing:

- Conduct a team briefing to review the surgical plan, patient-specific considerations, and any potential challenges.
- Verify that all necessary team members (surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists) are present and informed.

## Equipment and Supplies:

- Verify availability of necessary surgical instruments, implants, and equipment.
- Ensure all equipment is properly sterilized and functional.

## Documentation:

- Document preoperative activities, patient discussions, and completed checklists.
- Review and sign off on the preoperative checklist.