

SURGICAL SAFETY YOUR ROLE IN IT





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SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKS

When you are a patient in our hospital, we want to make sure that your surgery and stay with us is as safe as possible. We use a safety checklist for all our operations, and some other procedures. The Surgical Safety Checklist was developed by the World Health Organization and has been adapted for our use.

WHY DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST?

The checklist is used to make your surgery safer. We hope that knowing about the checklist will make you feel comfortable when the surgical team discuss it in the operating theatre, before you are given your Anesthesia.

You may be asked the same questions more than once but it is done to ensure your safety. Please understand that this is to make sure we follow the highest levels of safety when your care transfers from one team to another. We want to ensure safe teamwork, with all the equipment and information that may be needed available from the beginning to the end of your operation.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE CHECKLIST?

The WHO Surgical Safety Checklist is a series of questions / checks for the surgical team (doctors, nurses, and anesthetists) to ask at three different stages:

1. Sign in - with you, before you have your anesthesia.

2. Time out - within the team, before the surgeon begins your procedure.

3. Sign out - within the team, before you leave the operating theatre.

The questions encourage & ensures better communication and teamwork in the theatre and are a final check of essential information such as

- Your name
- Allergies
- Operation/procedure you are scheduled to have, and
- Site of the operation/procedure.

HOW CAN I HELP THE SURGICAL TEAM?

Good communication between patients, families and the surgical team is important for safe care, and we value your involvement.

For your safety, staff working in the operating theatre will ask you to say your name, date of birth, and confirm if you have any allergies. They may also ask you some additional questions. If you are concerned about anything or do not understand what is being said, you can speak to any member of the team.





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