

Surgical Safety Checklist For Cleft Lip and Palate



Before induction of anesthesia

(with at least nurse and anesthesiologist)

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

- Yes

Is the site marked?

- Yes
 Not applicable

In preparation for anesthesia induction, have the following items been checked and/or are in place and functioning properly?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia Machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac Electrodes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia Medication | <input type="checkbox"/> Capnography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pulse Oximeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Pressure Cuff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suction | <input type="checkbox"/> O ₂ Tank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AmbuBag | |

Does the patient have a:

Known allergy?

- No
 Yes, and noted in patient chart

Difficult airway or aspiration risk?

- No
 Yes, and equipment/assistance available

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

- No
 Yes, and blood cross matched and available

Before skin incision

(with nurse, anesthesiologist and surgeon)

Confirm all team members have introduced themselves by name and role.

Verbally confirm the patient's name, procedure, and where the incision will be made.

Has antibiotic prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes prior to incision?

- Yes
 Not applicable

Anticipated Critical Events

Has the protocol for malignant hyperthermia been reviewed?

To Surgeon:

- What are the critical or non-routine steps?
 What are the plans for use of throat packs?
 How long with the case take?
 What is the anticipated blood loss?

To Anesthesiologist:

After review of patient history and exams, are there any patient specific concerns?

To Nursing Team:

- Has sterility of instruments (including indicator results) been confirmed?
 Are there equipment issues or concerns?

Is essential imaging displayed?

- Yes
 Not applicable

Before patient leaves operating room

(with nurse, anesthesiologist and surgeon)

Nurse Verbally Confirms (when applicable):

- The name of the procedure
 Sponge and needle counts are correct
 Throat pack(s) are removed
 Tongue suture is in place and secured
 Pain medication administered
 Specimen labelling (read specimen labels aloud, including patient name)
 Whether there are any equipment problems to be addressed

To Surgeon, Anesthesiologist and Nurse:

- What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?

Patient Transfer Protocol

To Surgeon:

- Remain in the operating room complex until patient is safely transferred to recovery room

To Anesthesiologist and Nurse:

- Accompany the patient to the recovery room and review any intra-operative concerns and post-op management with staff there