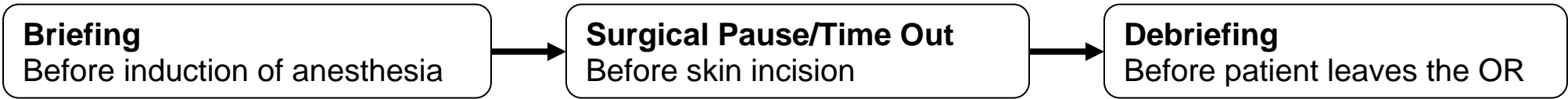


Surgical Safety Checklist

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SURGEON INITIATES BRIEFING

Nurse verifies:

- The patient was seen and site marked by the Surgeon or designate and the patient has confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure and consent

Surgeon or Designate confirms with nurses:

- Are all necessary equipment and implants available and sterile?
- Positioning confirmed if necessary?
- Is essential imaging displayed?

Anesthesiologist verifies:

- Does the patient have a known allergy?
- Lab data reviewed, group and screen done?
- Anesthesia equipment available and checked?
- Are there any patient specific concerns?

Does anyone have any questions?

Surgeon verifies:

- All team members have introduced themselves by name and role.

- The patient's name, procedure, and the site and side marking of the incision.

Has Antibiotic Prophylaxis been given within the last 60 minutes?

- Yes
- Not applicable

Has VTE / DVT Prophylaxis been provided?

- Yes
- Not applicable

Anticipated Critical Events

- Are there any critical surgical or unexpected steps that the team should know about?

- How long will the case take, and what is the anticipated blood loss?

Does anyone have any questions?

Nurse verifies

- What is the name of the procedure to be recorded?
- Are all counts complete?
- Is specimen labeling accurate?
(read specimen labels aloud, including patient name)
- Do any equipment problems need to be addressed?

To Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, and Nurse(s):

- What are the key concerns for recovery and management of this patient?
- What is the post-operative destination?
- Who will be responsible for post operative analgesic orders?

Does anyone have any questions?