



Accreditation: ROP of the Week

Required Organizational Practice: Safe Surgery Checklists

WHAT IS SAFE SURGERY CHECKLIST?

- A Safe Surgery Checklist is used to confirm that safety steps are completed for a surgical procedure performed in the operating room.
- Using a Safe Surgery Checklist can reduce the likelihood of complications following surgery and often improve surgical outcomes.

AT HEALTH PEI:

- A standardized Safe Surgery Checklist is used for every surgical procedure in the operating room in Health PEI facilities.
- The Health PEI Checklist includes three phases:
 1. **Sign In: Before** the induction of anaesthesia
 2. **Time Out: Before** skin incision
 3. **Sign Out: Before** the patient leaves the operating room
- **Observational audits** are completed using a standardized tool. Audit results are reviewed by the Surgical Quality Improvement Team and management to ensure compliance and identify any opportunities for improvement.

In order for the Checklist to be effective, all members of the Perioperative Team need to be present for Time Out

The Checklist may be initiated at each of the three phases by any member of the Perioperative Team: Surgeon, Anaesthesiologist, or Registered Nurse

Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Staff:

- Why is the Safe Surgery Checklist important to use?
- What are the three phases of the Checklist?
- Where in the patient's chart would I find the Checklist?
- Are audits of the Checklist completed? Do you receive any information on the results of the audits?