# Health PEI

# Accreditation: ROP of the Month

## Required Organizational Practice: Safe Surgery Checklist

### What is the Safe Surgery Checklist?

The **Safe Surgery Checklist** is used to confirm that safety steps are completed for every surgical procedure performed in the operating room (OR). Using a **Safe Surgery Checklist** can reduce the likelihood of complications and often improve surgical outcomes.

## At Health PEI:

A standardized **Safe Surgery Checklist** is used for every surgical procedure in **all** ORs.

The Checklist includes three phases:

1. **Sign In**: *Before* the induction of anesthesia
2. **Time Out:** *Before* skin incision
3. **Sign Out**: *Before* the patient leaves the operating room

- **Any member** of the Perioperative Team—Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, or Registered Nurse—can initiate each phase.
- **All team members** must be present for **Time Out** to ensure checklist effectiveness.
- Use of the checklist is mandatory for **all** OR procedures.
- The checklist is documented in the health record.

### Quality Improvement & Audits

- Regular observational audits are conducted using a standardized tool.
- Audit results are reviewed by the Surgical Quality Improvement Team and management.
- Results and trends are shared with staff and posted on Quality Boards.

### Questions Surveyors May Ask:

- Why is the Safe Surgery Checklist important?
- What are the three phases of the Checklist?
- Are audits of the Checklist completed?
- Do you receive information on audit results?