### Surgical Safety Checklist For Cleft Lip and Palate

#### Before induction of anesthesia

(with at least nurse and anesthesiologist)

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<td>Has the patient confirmed his/her identity, site, procedure, and consent?</td>
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<td>Is the site marked?</td>
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In preparation for anesthesia induction, have the following items been checked and/or are in place and functioning properly?

- Anesthesia Machine
- Cardiac Electrodes
- Anesthesia Medication
- Capnography
- Pulse Oximeter
- Blood Pressure Cuff
- Suction
- O₂ Tank
- AmbuBag

Does the patient have:

- 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?

#### 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

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This checklist is not intended to be comprehensive. Additions and modifications to fit local practice are encouraged.

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