

RCOphth / WHO Surgical Safety Checklist: for Cataract Surgery ONLY

Instructions

Cataract surgery should use a cataract specific WHO checklist.

Local adaptation of this checklist is encouraged to ensure it is effectively integrated into clinical practice. This may mean that some of the interventions are moved to a different step in the checklist, for example from 'Time Out' to 'Sign In'.

Some interventions may also be moved to the Preoperative team brief.

Any adaptations should be undertaken in accordance with your organisation's governance scrutiny process.

Note: *ODP- this stands for operating department practitioner but this role can be delivered by operating department assistant, health care assistant or other nominated theatre staff. The checklist below can be edited for individual trust use to reflect the workforce within the eye theatre.

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SIGN IN (read out loud by ODP* with patient and ward nurse)



TIME OUT (read out loud by ODP* to whole team)

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Before start of anaesthesia

ODP with patient and ward nurse:

Check against wristband and records for identity and allergy:

"Hello my name is... I am your... Can you please tell me your name and date of birth?"

"Do you have any allergies?"

Check against consent form and marking record for correct procedure and side signed by patient and surgeon:

"Can you tell me what operation you are having and which eye we are operating on?"

"Is the correct surgical site marked?"

ODP with ward nurse:

Check against biometry & IOL choice documented in the records:

"Is the biometry in the records and does it have the correct patient details?"

"Is lens power and model documented and/or counter-signed by the surgeon?"

"Is the patient taking warfarin or other anticoagulants?"

No Yes, last INR available

"Is the patient taking tamsulosin or other alpha blocker?"

No Yes, surgeon notified

For cases under GA or sedation only

ODP with anaesthetist:

"Is the anaesthetic machine and medication check complete?"

Yes Not applicable

"ASA grade?"

"Any special monitoring requirements or anaesthetic concerns?"

"Is the VTE risk assessment +/- treatment complete?"

Before start of surgical intervention

To patient:

"We are going to check your details again."

Check against wristband, records, mark and consent with the scrub nurse:

To team:

"Patient is..."

"There are no allergies/ they are allergic to..."

"We are performing 'name of procedure' on the right/left/both eyes."

"This matches the consent and the surgical mark. The consent form is signed by the patient and the surgeon."

If intraocular lens to be implanted:

Scrub nurse and surgical team to confirm against the biometry and records (2+ person check):

"The lens is a 'n' diopter 'type of lens' for the right/left eye, matches the side and patient identity for: the mark on the patient; the biometry; the IOL selection sheet; theatre list; consent form; whiteboard. This matches the **ONLY** lens selected and available in theatre."

"Is an alternative lens available if needed?"

If applicable: check the lens power and type is written and signed on the 'IOL selection sheet'/source biometry data/EPR document

"Are there anticipated variations, equipment or medication requirements, or patient-specific needs?"

"Do we have any specific equipment or medications discussed in the team brief?"

Before any member of the team leaves the operating room

To surgeon:

"Please confirm what procedure has been performed and which site/side."

"Are there any variations to standard recovery and discharge protocol for this patient?"

To scrub:

"Are the instrument, swabs and sharps count complete (or not applicable)?"

If applicable: Have any equipment issues been identified?"

PATIENT DETAILS	
Last name:	
First name:	
Date of birth:	
NHS Number* or hospital number	
Procedure:	

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This modified checklist must not be used for other surgical procedure