

SCOAP Surgical Checklist

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Before induction: **Briefing**

All Team Members - (Attending Surgeon or designee leads):

- Confirm patient (at least 2 identifiers), procedure, site, Left/Right
- Describe procedure, expected duration, & anticipated difficulties
- Expected blood loss & blood availability
- Need for special instruments / supplies / IV access beyond usual
- Heparin given/not needed and/or SCDs in place and turned on

Nursing/Tech reviews:

- Equipment issues (instruments ready, staff in-serviced, implants available)

Anesthesia reviews:

- Airway or other concerns
- Allergies
- Special meds, other

All Team Members

- Questions/issues/concerns from any team member & duty to speak up at any time in the procedure

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Before incision: **Process control**

Attending Surgeon reviews: (as applicable)

- ❑ Attending Surgeon not present for SCOAP 1? Repeat SCOAP 1.
- ❑ Each person introduces self by name & role
- ❑ Personnel exchanges: timing, plan for announcing changes
- ❑ Essential imaging displayed; right & left confirmed
- ❑ Has patient positioning changed since SCOAP 1? Is marking still visible?
- ❑ Antibiotic prophylaxis - drug, dose, time, redosing plan
- ❑ Active warming – needed? In place, turned on?
- ❑ Risk of hyperglycemia? Plan for insulin protocol if needed
- ❑ Sharps management plan
- ❑ Specialty-specific checklist

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Just before closure of operative field or removal of trocars: **No retained objects**

Attending Surgeon:

- Perform methodical visual & physical sweep of wound & report

Nursing/Tech:

- All music, conversation, & distractions halted
- Perform preliminary count of needles/ sponges/ instruments & report

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After skin closure complete:

No retained objects, debriefing, care transition

All Team Members (Attending Surgeon or designee leads):

- Confirm final needles/ sponges/ instruments count correct
- Surgeon views all sponges & laps in holders
- Confirm name of procedure
- Any specimens? Confirm label & instructions
- Equipment issues to be addressed? If yes, response plan
- Other issues? If yes, response plan

Surgeon and Anesthesia:

- Does patient need special monitoring?
- Insulin drip needed?
- Post-op beta blockers needed?
- Post-op anticoagulation needed?
- Pain management by Surgery or Acute Pain Service?
- Other special concerns for patient recovery?