Patient Safety Goal 4

Ensure Safe Surgery

To ensure patient safety, identify the correct patient, correct site, and correct surgical / invasive procedure prior to commencement.

How can I, as a member of staff, contribute to this goal?

1. Complete the Safe Surgery Checklist to verify correct:
   - Patient
   - Consent
   - Procedure
   - Body part marked
   - Equipment
   - Radiology / reports / charts available

2. Confirm 'Sign-in', 'Time-Out' and 'Sign-Out' process is completed and documented.

   Time Out
   - Must involve active participation of the entire team
   - Must be completed in the location where the procedure will be performed
   - Must include correct patient, correct procedure, and correct site
   - Document in the medical record that time out was completed

   Sign Out
   - Name of surgical/invasive procedure confirmed
   - Specimens are checked and labeled
   - Instruments, needles, and swab counts performed (as applicable)
   - Any equipment issues to be addressed.

Refer to QPulse for:
PPG-ORG-58: Policy to ensure correct site, correct procedure, correct patient surgery

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