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INTRODUCTION

In alliance with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI), and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC endorses the Surgical Safety Checklist and requires that all BC non-hospital medical and surgical facilities implement the CPSI Checklist (adapted from the WHO Checklist) initiative to ensure that patients undergo the right operation, correct site, safe anesthesia, infection control measures and effective teamwork for safer care.

SSCL1.0 SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

SSCL1.1	The surgical safety checklist meets the intent of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute surgical safety checklist initiative.
SSCL 1.1.1	<p>M The surgical safety checklist in use at the facility has been approved by the medical director. <i>Guidance: The medical director is responsible for ensuring the surgical safety checklist implemented at their facility meets the intent of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) surgical safety checklist (SSCL) initiative. Therefore, it is recommended that non-hospital facilities adopt the SSCL developed by the CPSI. While the checklist is intended to be universally applicable, it is not always a perfect fit for all facilities. If any modifications are made to the CPSI SSCL, they are to be undertaken with awareness and intent to maintain the following guiding principles: focused, brief, actionable, verbal, collaborative, tested and integrated. Medical director approval of the SSCL in use at the facility (i.e. CPSI SSCL or modified CPSI SSCL) must be on file at the facility.</i></p>
SSCL 1.1.2	<p>M The medical director approved surgical safety checklist is posted in each operating/procedure room. <i>Guidance: A laminated copy of the approved surgical safety checklist is posted in an area that is visible to all members of the perioperative team.</i></p>
SSCL1.2	The surgical safety checklist facilitates team communication and surgical/procedure safety.
SSCL 1.2.1	<p>M The surgical safety checklist is performed for all procedures. <i>Guidance: The checklist is required for all non-hospital facilities and all types of medical, surgical, dental and anesthesia procedures.</i></p>
SSCL 1.2.2	<p>M The briefing is performed before induction of anesthesia. <i>Guidance: Briefing is defined as the period before induction of anesthesia (i.e. prior to the administration of any analgesic, narcotic, sedation or anesthetic agents). Once the briefing is completed the team may proceed with induction of anesthesia, followed by positioning, prepping and draping.</i></p>

SSCL 1.2.3	M	The full surgical/procedure team and patient are present and participate in the briefing. <i>Guidance: The surgeon, anesthesiologist and perioperative nurses and patient must be present for the briefing.</i>
SSCL 1.2.4	M	The patient participates in the briefing by confirming their name, the procedure planned and, as appropriate, consent for surgery. <i>Guidance: The patient participates by confirming their name, the procedure planned and, as appropriate, consent for surgery (i.e. pediatric population, language barrier).</i>
SSCL 1.2.5	M	The time-out is performed before skin incision/procedure start. <i>Guidance: Time-out is defined as the period after induction of anesthesia and before surgical incision. Once the time-out is completed the team may proceed with the surgery/procedure.</i>
SSCL 1.2.6	M	The full surgical/procedure team is present and participate in the time-out. <i>Guidance: The surgeon, anesthesiologist and perioperative nurses must be present for the time-out.</i>
SSCL 1.2.7	M	The debriefing is performed before the patient leaves the operating/procedure room. <i>Guidance: Debriefing is defined as the period immediately after wound closure and before the patient is transferred from the operating/procedure room.</i>
SSCL 1.2.8	M	The full surgical/procedure team is present and participate in the debriefing. <i>Guidance: The surgeon, anesthesiologist and perioperative nurses must be present for the debriefing.</i>
SSCL1.3		The surgical safety checklist is documented in the intraoperative (nursing) record.
SSCL 1.3.1	M	The briefing is documented. <i>Guidance: The time that the briefing was completed and staff initials must be clearly documented in the intraoperative (nursing) record to confirm that the briefing part of the SSCL, as posted in the operating/procedure room, was completed. Non-hospital facilities are not required to include a copy of the SSCL in the patient's medical record.</i>
SSCL 1.3.2	M	The time-out is documented. <i>Guidance: The time that the time-out was completed and staff initials must be clearly documented in the intraoperative (nursing) record to confirm that the time-out part of the SSCL, as posted in the operating/procedure room, was completed. Non-hospital facilities are not required to include a copy of the SSCL in the patient's medical record.</i>
SSCL 1.3.3	M	The debriefing is documented. <i>Guidance: The time that the debriefing was completed and staff initials must be clearly documented in the intraoperative (nursing) record to confirm that the debriefing part of the SSCL, as posted in the operating/procedure room, was completed. Non-hospital facilities are not required to include a copy of the SSCL in the patient's medical record.</i>
SSCL1.4		Policies and procedures contain all the information necessary for the safety of patients, staff and visitors. <i>Intent: Policies and procedures ensure that activities/procedures are performed consistently and accurately by all personnel within the non-hospital facility.</i>

SSCL 1.4.1 **M** There is policy and procedures for the mandatory practice of the surgical safety checklist.
Guidance: The facility's policy and procedures must clearly support the SSCL, rational for mandatory practice and staff's roles and responsibilities in ensuring the policy is followed and the checklist is consistently followed for every procedure.



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