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Surgical Services

**It's okay to speak up
and ask us questions**

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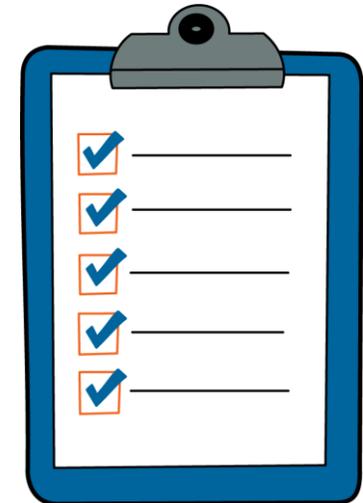
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**Our
Safety Checklist
for
Procedure and Operating Rooms**

For your safety!



What is a Safety Checklist?

All procedure and operating rooms around the world use this checklist as a safety and communication tool to make procedures safer.

We use the tool to go through safety checks before, during, and after your procedure. It is similar to an airline pilot's checklist used for takeoff and landing.

We do a safety check at these times:

1. Before we give you anesthetic or sedation
2. Just before the procedure starts
3. Before you leave the room

We ask you to take part in our safety check before we give you anesthetic.

Just before the procedure, we check that we have the information and equipment we need to do the procedure, and that we are ready to proceed.

Afterwards, we confirm key information about your procedure.

While waiting for procedure

You might have noticed that we have asked you many questions since arriving at the hospital.

This continues in the waiting area as members of the surgery team come in to see you.

We often ask the same questions many times. We do this so that everyone on your surgery team has the same information about you. It is our way of checking and double-checking we have the correct information about you.

If you are concerned about anything or do not understand what is being said, please ask us.

In the Room

Before we give you anesthetic or sedation, we ask you to take part in our safety check by saying aloud:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Your birth date
- ✓ The type of procedure you are having
- ✓ Where on your body you are having the procedure
- ✓ Any allergies you have

The main reason we ask these questions is to confirm we are doing the correct procedure on the correct person.

We might also ask to see the marks on your skin made by your surgeon.

