Surgical Patient Safety Journey

Key interventions along our pathway to better ensure patient safety

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1 Pre Assessment

- Nurse Led Assessment
- High Risk Fitness Clinic
- MRSA Swabbing
- Blood Tests
- ECG
- Medical Referrals

2 Admission & Holding Bay Assessments/Checks

- VTE (compression stockings)
- Mental Capacity
- Waterlow (skin care)
- Patient Allergies
- Clinical observations
- MUST (nutrition)
- Consent validation
- Pregnancy Test
- Patient Personal Details
- Nil By Mouth Status

3 Anaesthetic Room

- Team Brief
- WHO Surgical Safety Checklist – SIGN IN
- Confirmation of Consent
- Confirmation of all assessments completed – escalate concerns
- Patient ID checklist

3 Operating Room

- WHO Surgical Safety Checklist – TIME OUT & SIGN OUT
- Surgical swab, needle and surgical instrument counts
- Patient body temperature- under and over body warming systems
- VTE (compression stockings and machines)
- Pause for Prosthesis
- Waterlow (skin care) - pressure relieving aids
- End of List Debrief

4 Post Anaesthetist Care Unit (PACU)

- Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Disability, Exposure
- Pain Assessment
- Clinical Observations – NEWS2
- Waterlow (skin care)
- Wound Assessment
- Measuring Body Fluid Loss
- Maintain patient body temperature- over body warming systems

5 PACU Discharge

- PACU Discharge Criteria
- Transfer to Ward or HOME

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