

Anaesthetic Safety Checklist

Pre-Induction

- ☐ Patient NAME, owner CONSENT & PROCEDURE confirmed
- ☐ IV CANNULA placed & patent
- ☐ AIRWAY EQUIPMENT available & functioning
- ☐ Endotracheal tube CUFFS checked
- ☐ ANAESTHETIC MACHINE checked today
- ☐ Adequate OXYGEN for proposed procedure
- ☐ BREATHING SYSTEM connected, leak free & APL VALVE OPEN
- ☐ Person assigned to MONITOR patient
- ☐ RISKS identified & COMMUNICATED
- ☐ EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS available

Pre-Procedure – Time Out

- ☐ Patient NAME & PROCEDURE confirmed
- ☐ DEPTH of anaesthesia appropriate
- ☐ SAFETY CONCERNS COMMUNICATED

Recovery

- ☐ SAFETY CONCERNS COMMUNICATED
Airway, Breathing, Circulation (fluid balance), Body Temperature, Pain
- ☐ ASSESSMENT & INTERVENTION PLAN confirmed
- ☐ ANALGESIC PLAN confirmed
- ☐ Person assigned to MONITOR patient

Pre-Anaesthesia

- ★ Has anything significant been identified in the history and/or clinical examination?
- ★ Do any abnormalities warrant further investigation?
- ★ Can any abnormalities be stabilised prior to anaesthesia?
- ★ What complications are anticipated during anaesthesia?
- ★ How can these complications be managed?
- ★ Would the patient benefit from premedication?
- ★ How will any pain associated with the procedure be managed?
- ★ How will anaesthesia be induced & maintained?
- ★ How will the patient be monitored?
- ★ How will the patient's body temperature be maintained?
- ★ How will the patient be managed in the post-anaesthetic period?
- ★ Are the required facilities, personnel & drugs available?

Anaesthetic Machine

- ☐ PRIMARY OXYGEN source checked
- ☐ BACK-UP OXYGEN available
- ☐ OXYGEN ALARM working (if present)
- ☐ FLOWMETERS working
- ☐ VAPORISER attached and full
- ☐ Anaesthetic machine passes LEAK TEST
- ☐ SCAVENGING checked
- ☐ Available MONITORING equipment functioning
- ☐ EMERGENCY equipment and drugs checked

Drugs / Equipment

- Endotracheal tubes (cuffs checked)
- Airway aids (e.g. laryngoscope, urinary catheter, lidocaine spray, suction, guide-wire/stylet)
- Self-inflating bag (or demand valve for equine anaesthetics)
- Epinephrine/adrenaline
- Atropine
- Antagonists (e.g. atipamezole, naloxone/butorphanol)
- Intravenous cannulae
- Isotonic crystalloid solution
- Fluid administration set

Drug charts & CPR algorithm
(<http://www.acvecc-recover.org/>)