

Veterinary Endosurgery Safety Checklist

Modified from the World Health Organisation (WHO) surgical safety checklist

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Before Anaesthesia



Before Surgical Incision



Before Leaving Theatre

(at least nurse)

Confirm:

- Patient identity:
- Procedure:
- Consent form signed

Check:

- medications given
- anaesthetic machine
- laparoscopy stack
- instruments sterilised

Date:

Signed:

(all theatre staff)

Team have introduced themselves

Confirm :

- Patient identity
- Procedure
- Suitability of clip
- Bladder empty
- Specific pre-op preparations
- Antibiosis if required
- Other peri-operative medication

Anticipated critical steps

Surgeon:

- What are the critical steps
- Anticipated time to completion

Anaesthetist/nurse:

- Anaesthetic specific concerns

Nurse/surgical assistant

- Sterility of instruments
- Any equipment concerns
- Essential radiographs displayed

(At least surgeon and nurse)

Nurse verbally confirms

- Swab count
- Sharps accounted for
- Specimen labelling
(read aloud)
- Any equipment issues to be addressed
- What are the key concerns for recovery and post-operative management?
- Specific medication and care

Notes:

(turn over if needed)