

# The MAI Surgical Preparation List

The list below is designed to help ensure both the operating room and the entire team are prepared for the patient's complete journey through the operating department.

**BEFORE YOU START:** Does everyone know what operation is being done and their role in the team?

## ANAESTHESIA

- Do you have the correct patient?
- Has the anaesthetic machine been checked?
- Do you have a working suction machine?
- Do you have adequate patient monitoring?  
*Pulse oximetry and blood pressure should be the minimum*
- Do you have a source of oxygen?
- Do you have working laryngoscopes?
- Do you have the relevant airway control devices such as airways, ET tubes, LMA's?
- Do you have emergency intubation aids?
- Do you have the necessary drugs and IV fluids?
- Do you have access to emergency drugs?
- Do you have access to a manual resuscitation bag?

## SURGERY

- Is the operation site marked?
- Do you have the correct instruments and are they sterile?
- Is working suction available?
- Do you have the required sutures, swabs, drains, dressings, catheters?
- Does the operating light work?
- Is the operating table working and do you have the correct accessories for the procedure?
- Is a system in place to ensure full instrument, needle and swab counts are completed?
- If available is the diathermy and/or any other electrical equipment working properly?

## RECOVERY

- Is someone allocated to recover the patient and stay with them until they go to the ward?
- Do they know the recovery position?
- Is oxygen available?
- Is suction available?
- Is there access to patient monitoring?  
*Pulse oximetry and blood pressure should be the minimum*
- Do you have access to the necessary drugs and IV fluids?
- Can you keep the patient warm?
- Is there access to emergency equipment including airway devices, manual resuscitation bags and drugs?



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