

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	SURGERY	RECOVERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have the correct patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Has the anaesthetic machine been checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a working suction machine? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have adequate patient monitoring? <i>Pulse oximetry and blood pressure should be the minimum, CO₂ monitoring highly recommended</i> <input type="checkbox"/> If using a circle machine, do you have anaesthetic agent and CO₂ monitoring, and is the soda lime effective? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a source of oxygen? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have working laryngoscopes? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have the relevant airway control devices such as airways, ET tubes, LMAs? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have emergency intubation aids? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have the necessary drugs and IV fluids? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have access to emergency drugs? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have access to a manual resuscitation bag? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the operation site marked? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have the correct instruments and are they sterile? <input type="checkbox"/> Is working suction available? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have the required sutures, swabs, drains, dressings, catheters? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the operating light work? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the operating table working and do you have the correct accessories for the procedure? <input type="checkbox"/> Is a system in place to ensure full instrument, needle and swab counts are completed? <input type="checkbox"/> If available, is the diathermy and/or any other electrical equipment working properly? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is someone allocated to recover the patient and stay with them until they go to the ward? <input type="checkbox"/> Do they know the recovery position? <input type="checkbox"/> Is oxygen available? <input type="checkbox"/> Is suction available? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there access to patient monitoring? <i>Pulse oximetry and blood pressure should be the minimum</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have access to the necessary drugs and IV fluids? <input type="checkbox"/> Can you keep the patient warm? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there access to emergency equipment including airway devices, manual resuscitation bags and drugs?

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