

**VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**  
**Postoperative Briefing Guide for Use in the Operating Room\***  
 ✓ Provide Comments as Appropriate

<b>Surgeon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent

**Comments:**

<b>Anesthesiologist/CRNA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent

**Comments:**

<b>Nurse (s)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent

**Comments:**

**Areas for Improvement/Safety Issues/Action Items**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Instruments, Sponge, Needle Count Correct<sup>2</sup></b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> If No, Explain | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Delays<sup>4</sup></b><br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, Specify<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Name of Procedure Recorded<sup>2</sup></b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Equipment Issues<sup>2,4</sup></b><br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, Specify<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specimen Labeled Properly<sup>2</sup></b> |
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**Concerns for Postoperative Course [Surgeon, Anesthesiologist/CRNA, Nurse (s)]**

**Comments**

\*This checklist contains the elements of the WHO checklist and also includes a sampling of the majority of elements as suggested by frontline OR teams from the VHA. The WHO Surgical Safety Checklist is available at

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<sup>1</sup>VHA Policy/Directive, <sup>2</sup>WHO Checklist, <sup>3</sup>Joint Commission, <sup>4</sup>Medical Team Training