

## SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (SSC)

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### What is the Surgical Safety Checklist (SSC)?

The SSC is a tool that is used by a team of operating room professionals (nurses, surgeons, anesthesiologist, and others) to discuss important details about a surgical case at three distinct stages or phases of surgery: Pre-induction (before the patient is put to sleep), Time Out (before the procedure begins), and Debriefing (during or after surgical closure). It provides a list of the most common tasks and items that operating room teams carry out to ensure patient safety. SSCs improve teamwork and communication in the operating room, which leads to improved patient care and safety, decreased complications and deaths from surgery, and better operating room efficiency.

### How is compliance being measured?

The SSC compliance indicator is the percentage of surgeries in which a surgical safety checklist was performed. The surgical safety checklist is considered performed when the designated checklist coordinator confirms that surgical team members have implemented and/or addressed all of the necessary tasks and items in each of the three phases, 'briefing', 'time out' and 'debriefing', of the checklist.

For more information on the Surgical Safety Checklist, click [here](#).

### NHH SURGICAL SAFETY CHECKLIST (SSC) COMPLIANCE

