# Appendix F. Does Our Checklist Meet the Goals of the World Health Organization’s Surgical Safety Checklist?

**How To Use This Document -** When you make modifications to your checklist, review this document with your checklist implementation team to ensure your checklist meets the goals of the original WHO Surgical Safety Checklist before using your new version of the checklist with a patient.

Does our checklist have three phases: before the patient enters the room, before the procedure begins, and before the patient leaves the room?

Are all of the checklist items meant to be read out loud, without reliance on memory, so all members of the team can hear them?

Will the anesthesia professional and nurse discuss critical preprocedural safety steps **together** before the patient enters the room?

Will **every** person present in the procedure/operating room have the opportunity to say something before skin incision? At a minimum, each person will introduce themselves by name and role or state that they are ready to proceed (including physician assistants, residents, observers, and manufacturer representatives).

Will the surgeon/proceduralist share changes to the plan and possible difficulties?

Will the nursing team discuss equipment issues and their concerns about the patient with the entire team?

When an anesthesia professional is present, will s/he share the anesthetic plan, airway, and other concerns with the entire team?

Will the surgeon/proceduralist ask all team members to speak up if they have any concerns during the case?

Before the patient leaves the room, will **ALL** members of the surgical team discuss any equipment problems that need to be addressed, key concerns for patient recovery and management, and anything that could have been done better to make the case safer or more efficient?

Does our checklist follow our current flow in our facility?