

**Surgical Safety Checklist**

POSC first surgery was February 1, 2012. At that time there was a surgical safety checklist that was part of the intraoperative record. This checklist served as a recheck that a surgical pause was performed as well as site marking, and specialty equipment and implants were retrieved before the beginning of the procedure. In June 2012, POSC adopted a new, more specific surgical safety checklist that was adapted from the World Health Organization's examples of surgical safety checklists. This surgical safety checklist began pre-operatively and ended in the post-operative phase. The checklist was a separate sheet of paper that POSC added to their chart. This is the current surgical safety checklist. Attached is an example of both checklists. The percentage of surgeries where an actual checklist was performed is 99.9%. Supporting documentation is provided on the flash drive given with this report. The information is on the attached spreadsheet that shows our QA committee's daily chart audits. These chart audits ensure that all requirements are met by the staff. If mistakes are found, immediate education is given to the staff.