

MedStar Health **Nursing.**

Inpatient Surgical Readiness Checklist

Day Before Surgery

- Proper PPID:** Use 2 patient identifiers prior to any consent, initiation of orders or transport
 - The armband, face sheet, and any forms of PPID must match; armband **MUST** be on pt.
 - Other armbands: Allergies, Limb/Blood draw restrictions, No Blood (Bloodless Medicine patients) and Fall Risk

Informed Consent (Completed prior to 1800)

- Correct procedure (including site and laterality)
- Patient (or designee/substitute) signed the consent, confirm that the signature present on chart is the patients
- Witness signed consent
- Surgeon/provider signed consent
- All date/time areas are filled out correctly
- Ensure a separate “Informed Consent for Transfusion of Blood Products” form is complete and in chart unless patient refuses blood
 - If NO, immediately contact the surgical provider ASAP for completion**
 - If the patient refuses blood transfusion, contact the Bloodless Medicine Team

Night Before Surgery

- Initiate the Surg Preop Power Plan (orders)
- Verify H&P is documented
- Complete & review lab work, call for ECG, & any other ordered testing
- Initiate Pre-Procedure Checklist at midnight (Ad Hoc→Assessment/Intervention→Pre-Procedure Checklist)
- Labs drawn as early in AM on day of surgery as possible, results must be available prior to surgery. This is the responsibility of the RN to complete, not phlebotomy.
- Current Cross Type & Screen (within the last 72 hours), if patient is to receive blood products
- Negative pregnancy test for women of childbearing age (12-55 y/o)
- Patent IV access (provider may order 2, check orders)
- Surgeon will educate patient & family on process/procedure
- For early AM cases, night RN should expect to receive a call from pre-op RN for report

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Day of Surgery

At midnight initiate the Pre-Procedure Checklist

(Ad Hoc → Assessment/Intervention → Pre-Procedure Checklist)

- Review the checklist, allergies, and patient education
- Initiate and maintain NPO & order for Q6 Accucheck
- Send patient valuables home/security

Prepare the Patient

- Update patient on ANY changes with plan. Do not promise a specific time
- Report any abnormal results to surgical team/primary team
- Accucheck Q6 for all NPO patients or Q4 for all cardiac surgery patients
- Giving/holding medications, as ordered including anticoagulation
- For patients with therapeutic packing, verify all documentation is present and up to date.
- Bundle Order Set Patients:
 - Ensure orders are complete
 - Surgical clipping (if patient by passes PreOp)
- For Cardiac Patients:
 - Perform Accucheck at 0600 and Q4 hours.
 - Verify, the central transport associate has completed the surgical clipping.

Complete the Chart

- Complete pre-procedure checklist
- Complete and document CHG bath in pre-procedure checklist.

Prepare for Transport

- Give handoff report to Preop/Holding RN
- Verify ID band, allergies, isolation precautions, falls with pre-op RN
- Check vital signs within 1hr of transport & report abnormalities
- Remove dentures, jewelry, contacts, and undergarments.
- SBAR to include assessment, consent status, abnormal labs, outstanding orders, recent vitals, telemetry, tubes/drains, TPN, NPO status, changes in patient status, and/or other patient preferences
- Bedside RN will discontinue PCA and PureWick if applicable
- Include ticket-to-ride
- If the patient is on oxygen, ensure that a new, full tank is present
- Notify telemetry of transfer, if applicable