

Surgical Counts (v2)

Site: 7269 Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

Program: Hospital

Observation Header

Tracer Instructions: If question is marked as not compliant, auditor is to include details in Notes on why action was not compliant. Real-time corrective action/feedback is suggested when a non-compliant action is observed.

Observation Title:	Site:
Observation Date:	Floor/Dept.:
Total Completed Observations:	Department:
Survey Team:	Staff Interviewed:
Medical Staff:	Unique Identifier:
Location:	Equipment Observed:
	Contracted Service:
Note:	

Questions (* = Required)

1.* Initial count was completed N/A

Instructions: Initial Count: performed BEFORE the procedure or prior to skin incision to establish a baseline.

Compliant? Yes No Num: _____ Den: _____

Corrective Action:

Notes:

2.* Relief count, as required, was completed N/A

Instructions: Relief Count: required at the time of relief (temporary or permanent) of either the scrub person or circulating nurse by the incoming team.

Compliant? Yes No Num: _____ Den: _____

Corrective Action:

Notes:

3.* Subsequent counts were completed: *to be audited via count sheet document following final count* N/A

Instructions: All subsequent counts are performed as follows:
a. All sponges added to the field are done so and documented in groups of 5 or 10 (Each lap/sponge added to field initialed on count sheet).
b. All sponges used (Raytec and Laps) placed in count bag.
c. All sutures are added as a continuous addition or subtraction (Each suture added to field initialed on count sheet).
d. All used sutures are placed in a suture counter (Do not place used suture in a basin). All sutures removed from surgical field placed in the suture counter and removed from the count sheet (DO NOT THROW AWAY).

Compliant? Yes No Num: _____ Den: _____

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4.* Final count(s) were completed. N/A

Instructions: This is the last count performed during a procedure. This count takes place at skin closure or the end of the procedure. This count should reflect all counted items are removed from the patient and have been visualized by the scrub and circulator. The 'final' count will be verbalized to the entire procedure team using active communication and 'repeat back confirmation' should be verbalized by the surgeon.

Order of final count proceeds as follows:

1. Surgical field
2. Mayo Stand
3. Back Table
4. Count stand or count bags

Note: Instruments are counted per tray in same sequence

Compliant? Yes No

Num: _____ Den: _____

Corrective Action:

Notes:

5.* Sponge count bag was used for ALL used sponges and laps N/A

Instructions: All used sponges and laps were disposed of in the sponge count bag, that is to be hung on the count bag tower pole

Compliant? Yes No

Num: _____ Den: _____

Corrective Action:

Notes:

6.* Two people actively participated (one counting, one verifying) in all required parts of counts N/A

Compliant? Yes No

Num: _____ Den: _____

Corrective Action:

Notes:

7.* All required fields of count documentation in patient chart were completed. N/A

Compliant? Yes No

Num: _____ Den: _____

Corrective Action:

Notes:

8. If counts are not accurate, standard process was followed. N/A

Instructions: In the case of an incorrect count due to the misplacement of a sponge, sharp and accessory:

- a. Search surgical field, back table, floor, garbage, mayo stand and linen.
- b. Notify the charge nurse / clinical manager and ALL attending surgeons involved in procedure of the incorrect count.
- c. Obtain an X-Ray of the operative site.
- d. Have the Radiologist read the X-Ray.
- e. Fill out a Safety Event Report (SERS) noting the incorrect count, what is missing, name of attending surgeon notified, that an X-Ray of the procedural site was obtained, and the result(s) of the attending X-Ray findings.
- f. Mark the patient's intra-procedural record Count section as incorrect and make a note in the Nurse's Note.
- g. All attending surgeons confirmed with circulator the resolution of incorrect count.

Compliant? Yes No

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