

AO Trauma Course—Principles of Operative Fracture Management

Preoperative time-out checklist

Templating exercise

Confirmation of patient's name ☐

Surgical side identified ☐ left ☐ right

Name of the procedure?

Name of surgical approach?

Consent? ☐ surgeon ☐ patient/gardien

Known allergy/ies?

☐ yes:

☐ no

Antibiotics given?

☐ yes:

☐ not applicable

DVT prophylaxis?

☐ yes:

☐ not applicable

Surgeon's name

Patient positioning correct? ☐ yes

Essential images displayed? ☐ yes

Intraoperative imaging set up? ☐ yes

Instruments and implants checked? ☐ yes

Tourniquet? ☐ yes ☐ no

Team briefing? ☐ yes

Date and time

This checklist can be used before initiating the surgical procedure.
Communication with the team is critical and contributes to patient safety and successful outcome.

This checklist is an abbreviated example; it is not intended to be comprehensive. Additions and modifications to fit local practice are encouraged. See also WHO surgical safety checklists and/or AO Trauma book "Techniques and Principles for the Operating Room", pages 195 & 196.