Patient Education Guide Surgical Safety Checklist

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## Patient Safety Matters at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital



Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital is committed to providing a safe health-care environment for our patients. That's why we have implemented the Surgical Safety Checklist, a global Initiative by the World Health Organization that enhances patient safety in operating rooms.

## Surgical Safety Checklist

The Surgical Safety Checklist is completed by the operating room team to ensure your safety by reviewing the most common safety points. For example, you will be asked to confirm that you have provided consent for your surgery, and whether you have any allergies. You will be introduced to the surgical team and may hear a review of your medical surgical history, as it relates to your care.

The process is similar to the routine an airplane pilot uses to review all major safety points on an aircraft prior to takeoff.

Our goal is to ensure your safety by confirming that operating team members have addressed all of the necessary safety measures before proceeding with your surgery.

All hospitals across Ontario with operating rooms will be required to report on their use of the Surgical Safety Checklist through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, which will publicly report results twice a year.

## Questions?

For more information about the Surgical Safety Checklist, please speak with your physician or a member of the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital surgical team, or visit www.safesurgerysaveslives.ca *Connecting with the Future of Care*Strathroy Middlesex General Hospita

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