**Surgical Scrub Checklist**

Here is a checklist to help guarantee processes are in place (or strategies for improvement) to ensure patient safety from the time that patients enter a health care facility to the time they leave.

1. **Provide ongoing education for all staff members including competencies.** Education can be undertaken in many different ways including live in-services, Webinars, audio-conferences or online training. Health care Facility determined competencies/assessments for clinical staff should include a skills checklist addressing hand hygiene knowledge and practices. Education should include all clinical staff and those providing direct patient care.

2. **Provide staff with The World Health Organization’s "My 5 Moments of Hand Hygiene" which defines the key moments when health care workers should perform hand hygiene.** This includes the following:
   - Before touching a patient
   - Before Clean/aseptic procedures (such as anesthesia services)
   - After body fluid exposure/risk
   - After touching a patient
   - After touching patient surroundings

3. **Make hand hygiene easy by providing adequate opportunities for hand washing and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.** Sinks should be placed in strategic locations and supplies such as soap and paper towels should be provided at all times. Alcohol hand sanitizer products should be user friendly, available at all times and strategically placed throughout the facility, particularly in clinical areas and high-demand locations.

4. **Introduce hand-hygiene monitoring programs.** Tools for monitoring hand-hygiene compliance are available in various forms and include the use of "secret shoppers," i.e., a covert observation whereby no one but the person appointing the observer and the observer him/herself knows who is conducting the monitoring, or an overt observation whereby all staff members are aware of the person conducting the observation.

5. **Holding staff accountable by providing feedback from monitoring programs.** Staff should be informed of the findings from ongoing monitoring programs and should be provided the opportunity to improve practice by providing resources, educational opportunities, and one-on-one consultation.

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