



## Elements to Consider when Developing a Safe Surgery Checklist for GI Ambulatory Surgical Centers

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| First Critical Point<br>(prior to administering sedation or anesthesia)   | Second Critical Point<br>(prior to intubation, if endoscopist not present throughout sedation/anesthesia administration interval)  | Third Critical Point<br>(prior to patient leaving the procedure room)  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm patient identity using two identifiers (name, DOB, Reg #).</li> <li>• Confirm procedure(s) to be performed, including special requests for sample acquisition or therapy, and type of sedation.</li> <li>• Confirm/ obtain written consent (on the chart).</li> <li>• Check anesthesia machine/ medication.</li> <li>• Assess allergies, airway and aspiration risk.</li> <li>• Confirm history and physical exam has been performed or updated.</li> <li>• Ensure pertinent diagnostic and radiologic test results are available on chart or in electronic health record.</li> <li>• Ensure required special equipment is available (dilators, APC, loop, clip, tattoo, stents, etc.).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm patient identity using two identifiers (name, DOB, Reg #).</li> <li>• Confirm procedure(s) to be performed, including special requests for sample acquisition or therapy, and type of sedation.</li> <li>• Confirm administration of antibiotic prophylaxis within 60 minutes before procedure, when indicated.</li> <li>• Assess allergies, airway and aspiration risk.</li> <li>• Communicate among team members regarding anticipated critical events or needs (e.g., dilators, APC, loop, clip).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify key patient concerns for recovery and management of the patient.</li> <li>• Identify/ confirm patient restrictions for diet or activity in recovery interval.</li> <li>• Confirm specimens obtained locations, tissue types, desired analysis and identification label.</li> </ul> |

*This document is not a rule and is only intended to provide examples of elements to consider when developing a safe surgery checklist for GI ASCs.*