### horizontal line**Postoperative Handover Checklist**

#### **1. Patient Identification**

* Confirm the patient's name, ID number, and procedure performed.
* Verify consent forms and procedure documentation.

#### **2. Vital Signs and Stability**

* Current vital signs and any trends post-surgery.
* Pain level and management plan.
* Oxygen saturation and respiratory status.

#### **3. Surgical Details**

* Type of surgery performed and duration.
* Incision sites, dressings, and drain status.
* Blood loss and any complications during surgery.

#### **4. Medications**

* Postoperative medication orders and pain relief.
* Prophylactic antibiotics or other specific medications.
* Any known drug reactions or sensitivities.

#### **5. Immediate Care Needs**

* IV fluids and their status.
* Mobility or positioning restrictions.
* Special instructions for monitoring (e.g., neurological checks).

#### **6. Pending Tests or Follow-Up**

* Required postoperative imaging or lab work.
* Scheduled follow-up with the surgical team.
* Discharge planning or transfer to another unit.