
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.