
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.