

Count Process

For every surgical patient, we will follow the steps:

Count IN

1. SCAN sponge material master tag
 2. Manual COUNT sponges, instruments, sharps
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Tucked Items

Must be verbalized, acknowledged & documented on white board

Count OUT

1. Manual COUNT of sponges, instruments & sharps
 2. SCAN sponge material individual tags in groups of 2 towels, 5 laps & 10 raytec
 3. BAG sponge material in groups of 2 towels, 5 laps & 10 raytec
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Pause Before Closure

1. Everyone STOPS
 2. VERIFY sponge, instrument, sharps counts with manual COUNT & white board
 3. SCAN out sponge materials
 4. "Team Agrees"
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Final Count

1. Everyone STOPS
2. VERIFY counts of closure material with manual COUNT & white board
3. SCAN out all sponge material and CLOSE case report
4. "Team Agrees"
5. Open and apply dressing/pull drapes