

Wrong-site-wrong-IOL checklist

What follows is one example of how to document in the surgery chart that all the appropriate steps have been taken in preventing wrong-site and wrong-surgery. Surgeons and administration may wish to include something similar in their charts to ensure that steps are being followed appropriately for every patient. Individuals who perform each task check off the appropriate box, and the surgeon and nurse sign the bottom.

Pre-operative Area

- The informed consent form describes the procedure and operative eye. Abbreviations are not acceptable.
- Prior to administration of eye drops, the nurse asks the patient which eye is to be operated on. The patient's operative eye is appropriately marked in the pre-operative holding area.
- The pre-operative nursing staff ensures the patient's response, informed consent, and doctor's orders for dilation all match for the operative eye.
- The surgeon discusses with the patient the appropriate procedure and ensures that the appropriate eye is marked.

Operating Room

- The office chart notes are available in the operating room.
- Prior to draping, a time out is performed verifying:
 - Patient's name
 - Patient's birth date
 - Procedure
 - Operative eye
 - Lens implant style
 - Lens implant power
- Prior to draping, circulating nurse ensures that operative plan is visible so that the surgeon can read it while gowned and gloved.
- The circulating nurse writes the patient's name, operative eye, IOL style, and IOL power on the white board.