Operating Nurse Checklist

- Knowledge of procedure
- Blood in Refrigerator or cooler
- Bovie Set and on left side of table
- Size appropriate OR Bed with Anesthesia Screen Holders or use IV poles
- Warming mattress on Bed (room temperature warmed in neonate)
- Set up Light Source for Head Light on appropriate side of bed; connect cords and cable
- Supplies to Scrub Nurse (sterile)
- Thoracotomy
  - Axillary roll
  - Padding
  - towels
  - 2” or 3” tape
- IVs—1 or 2 check with Anesthesia (supplies in room)
- Verify with OR scrub they are ready for patient to be received
- When receiving Patient
  - OR Consent
  - Blood Consent
  - Chest Xray
- Attach Monitors, Start IVs, (work with anesthesia)
- Once all lines are in notify surgeon
- Position and Prep Patient
- Attach Equipment
- Time Out
- Chart and Charges
- Initial Count
- Chest Tube supplies opened based on size
- Final Count
- Chest Drain to suction when chest is closed, if applicable
- Post procedure time out
- Dressings
  - Sterile and occlusive
- Take patient to ICU

See Safe handoff flowsheet
References