

## Surgical Safety Checklist Compliance 2019

### **Case Definition:**

The compliance measure refers to the percentage of surgeries in which a three-phase surgical safety checklist was performed correctly and appropriately for each surgical patient. The SSCL is considered performed when the designated checklist coordinator confirms that surgical team members have implemented and/or addressed all the necessary tasks and items in each of the three phases – 'Briefing', 'Time-Out' and 'Debriefing' – of the checklist based upon the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI)'s Surgical Safety Checklist.

**The percent compliance with the surgical safety checklist is calculated as follows:**

$$\frac{\# \text{ of times all three phases of the checklist were performed}}{\text{Total surgeries}} \times 100 = \% \text{ compliance}$$

### **2018 Compliance**

Period	Compliance
January – June	99.6
July – December	99.8

### **2017 Compliance**

Period	Compliance
January – June	99.7
July – December	99.7

### **Surgical Safety Checklists**

- A surgical safety checklist is a one-page list of items that the surgical teams should dialogue about at one of the three key times; before the patient is given anesthesia will all team members present (briefing), before skin incision (time-out), and while all team members are present before closing the patient (debriefing).
- Once implemented it can help improve overall efficiencies among surgical teams.
- Research shows that using a surgical safety checklist can also lead to reduced surgical complications and mortality.