# Flip Chart: Visual Guide to Identify Surgical Instruments



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#### Introduction

Surgical instruments are wrapped, labelled and sent for autoclaving.



Once back from Central Sterilization Service Department they are stored till use.

Staffs were unable to recall the name of the Surgical less frequently and often instruments that were used mislabeled.

There is delay in wrapping and sending the surgical instruments as staffs wait for someone who is familiar with the instruments to help identify name of the instruments.

### **Problem Statement**

Mislabeling of instruments leading to delay in preparation for Minor Surgical Procedures (MSP) and hence delay in providing patient care.

#### Aim

Minor surgical procedures are commenced without delay.

Ensure instruments are not "missing" due to mislabeling.

- $\checkmark$  To date, there is no incident of mislabeled "missing" instruments.
- Improve productivity- No rewashing and rewrapping instruments that are mislabeled.
- Cost saving- No mislabeled surgical instruments sent for re-autoclaving.
- ✓ Flip Chart used as orientation tool for new recruits attached to MSP room.
- ✓ Hassle free in maintaining inventory of surgical instruments.
- Provide a visual guide for nurses to identify and label 3. surgical instruments correctly

### Methodology

A team was formed to rectify the issue and find a solution to improve the process. Cause and effect analysis was done.

The team went through many PDSA Cycles.



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•To study the current practice on labelling of surgical instruments and brain stormed solution on how to label instruments correctly.

 To design a Flip Chart to educate staff on name of instruments. All instruments were photographed and labelled accordingly on the Flip Chart.





## Conclusion

1. Minor surgical procedures were commenced without delay.

•All staffs were updated on the Flip Chart and processes. Survey carried out to by • interviewing staff on its usefulness.



• The Flip Chart was designed and kept at the •utility room to serve as a reference for staff to • prepare instruments for autoclaving.

- 2. No more missing instruments.
- 3. The Flip Chart has served as a visual guide for staff to identify and label surgical instruments correctly.
- 4. This has increase staff confidence and satisfaction when assigned to minor surgical procedure room.

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