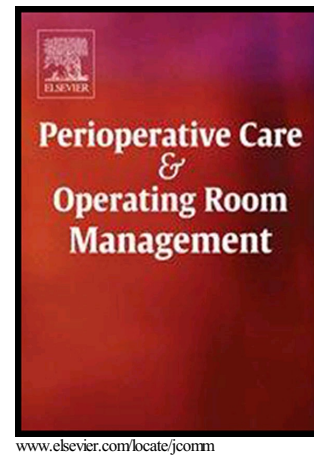


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Abstract

Purpose: The ‘Safe Surgery Checklist’ (SSC) was created as part of the ‘Safe Surgery Saves Lives’ project; its aim was to provide safety during surgery. The Safe Surgery Checklist was adopted under the name of ‘Safe Surgery Checklist^{TR}’ (SSC^{TR}) in Turkey in 2009. To determine the attitudes of surgery team members toward implementing safe surgery checklists in operating rooms.

Design: The study was planned as a descriptive model.

Method: The study was conducted with 303 surgery team members working in operating rooms of hospitals located in the Trabzon city centre. Data were gathered using a questionnaire of 29 items developed by the researcher and evaluated by number, percentage and chi-square test.

Results: It was found out that nearly three-fourths of the surgery team members believed that SSC^{TR} contributed to patient safety; however, only half thought that SSC^{TR} was properly implemented at their institutions. Most participants pointed out that the implementation of SSC^{TR} differed depending on whether the surgery was urgent or planned, the scale of the surgery and the attitudes

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