

INCORRECT COUNT ALGORITHM

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INCORRECT COUNT IDENTIFIED REFER TO SURGICAL COUNT POLICY

Surgical Team:

- Conduct initial wound exploration

Scrub Person (RN or ST):

- Begin to search sterile field

Circulator:

- Begin room search
- Reference Surgical Count Policy

IF COUNTS ARE NOT RESOLVED

Surgical Team:

- Continue to pause closure
- Continue to search for item
- Order foreign body X-ray

Scrub Person (RN or ST):

- Conduct first closure count or repeat count
- Continue to search field for item

Circulator:

- Conduct first closure count or repeat count
- Inform Attending surgeon(s), if necessary
- Call OR Desk/Charge RN
- Place foreign body X-ray order

IF COUNTS ARE NOT RESOLVED PAUSE CLOSURE

Attending Surgeon:

- Personally conduct wound exploration
- Personally review foreign body X-ray
- Speak to Attending Radiologist with foreign body X-ray report
- Document assessment of foreign body X-ray in post-op note
- Refer to Surgical Counts policy
- Communicate next course of action to the surgical team

Scrub Person (RN or ST):

- Delay relief until counts are resolved

Circulator:

- Delay relief until counts are resolved
- Refer to Surgical Count policy

IF COUNTS STILL CAN NOT BE RECONCILED

Attending Surgeon:

- Conclude operation
- In consultation with Attending Radiologist, order appropriate post-closure films
- Personally review post-closure films
- Document assessment of post-closure film in post-op note