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Breast Surgery Checklist

Before Start of Surgery

- Review consent and confirm details of surgery with the patient and mark site of surgery
- Review pathology associated with each lesion(s) to be removed
- Confirm that all target lesions have been identified and/or localized
- Ensure all necessary preoperative images are available and reviewed
- Verify breast lesion can be identified in the patient
- For re-excision cases, verify the margin(s) with path report and/or imaging
- Review anesthesia requirements (eg, regional block, non-paralytics)
- Confirm special equipment (probes, tracer, imaging devices)
- Confirm sentinel node injection has been performed if needed

Before Closure

- Perform specimen imaging for non-palpable lesions
- Confirm imaging targets removed from breast/axilla
- Verify lumpectomy cavity is marked for radiation if applicable
- Address margins as needed
- Weigh specimen if needed
- Consider intraoperative pain management options
- Confirm drain has been placed if needed
- Verify specimen orientation and accurate labeling
- Confirm specimens placed in appropriate media
- Ensure a post-op bra or binder has been placed if needed
- Review postoperative management and care plan with team (eg, wound care, activity, follow-up)

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