

Sample Pre-Op Note for 3rd Year Surgical Clerk

Patient history: Fat, female, fertile & forty

Pre-operative diagnosis: Acute cholecystitis

Planned procedure: Laparoscopic, possible open cholecystectomy

Attending physician, Resident/Assistants (if known):

Focused physical exam: Heart, lungs, extremities

Labs: CBC, BMP, Mg, Phos, coags(PT/PTT/INR), etc. *(NB: some surgeons will state different values, but in general will proceed to the OR if the patient's INR is <1.5; this should also be checked before bedside procedures like biopsies)*

EKG: If appropriate/ordered (e.g. 50+, cardiovascular diagnoses)

CXR: Last chest x-ray findings

Anesthesia: check for pre-op anesthesia note in the chart; copy assessment here

Blood: Type & screen/cross, # units (if not ordered, indicate so!)

Orders: NPO after midnight, etc.

Summary: I have reviewed the procedure, its benefits and potential risks & complications with the patient and his/her questions have been answered. Consent was obtained and is in the chart.

Sign, date & have your resident co-sign.

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