Fire Risk Assessment Tool

Discipline		Potential Risk	Intervention	Score
Circulator/ Scrub	Fuel	 surgical site above xiphoid Drapes/blankets/ Gowns Sponges Alcohol-based skin preps Patient's hair/skin Intestinal gases (surgeon) ETT, LMAs, masks, nasal cannulas, tents, tags (anesthesia) 	 participate in team conversations re: risk and intervention confirm no channeling/tunneling of surgical drapes between oxygen rich environment and surgical field, drapes occlusive. Bovie in holsters 100% time when not in use Laser on stand-by when not in use FO light source "off" when not in use. Do not lay FO light source on any fuels when "on" Saline soaked sponges/gauze/towels Saline/Sterile water on field to extinguish fire preps allowed to dry minimum 3 minutes prior to draping no pooling of preps 	
Surgeon	Ignition	 surgical site above xiphoid Electrosurgical Units (ESU) Electrocautery Lasers Fiberoptic light sources Defibrillators High speed burrs Drills 	 •participate in team conversations re: risk and intervention •confirm no channeling/tunneling of surgical drapes between oxygen rich environment and surgical field, drapes occlusive. •Bovie in holster 100% of time when •Laser on stand-by when not in use •FO light source "off" when not in use. Do not lay FO light source on any fuels when "on" •Saline soaked sponges/gauze/towels •announce intent to use ignition source communicate w/ Anesthesia re: timing of ESU use to allow oxygen to dissipate •irrigation w/ drills & saws 	
Anesthesia	Oxidizer	 surgical site above xiphoid Oxygen rich environment via all delivery systems N20 in the presence of O2 	 participate in team conversations re: risk and intervention confirm no channeling/tunneling of surgical drapes between oxygen rich environment and surgical field, drapes occlusive. discontinue O2, if appropriate, 1 minute prior to ESU use minimize or reduce oxygen rich environment near surgical site 1 minute prior to use of ignition source Titrate O2 to lowest concentration to produce desired effect tenting of surgical drapes consider ETT for O2 dependent patients or when deep sedation is required cuffed ETT for airway surgery (when appropriate) laser ETT w/ methylene blue instilled cuff 	
		Fire Risk: 1=Low Risk, 2= Moderate Risk, 3= High Risk	TOTAL	1-3