

Bipolar Setup Review Checklist

Reviewing consistency, efficiency, and long-term value across bipolar scissors and cables

Many hospitals and surgical centres are reviewing their current bipolar setup to ensure long-term consistency, operational efficiency, and equipment reliability across theatres and sterile services.

This checklist supports practical internal discussions around equipment standardisation, replacement frequency, workflow consistency, cost-per-use considerations, long-term planning, and waste reduction.

Quick Review Score

Status

Meaning

Green

Current setup appears optimised

Amber

Review may be beneficial

Red

Action or further investigation recommended

1. Equipment Consistency

Question	Green	Amber	Red
Are bipolar instruments standardised across theatres?	☐	☐	☐
Are staff familiar with all bipolar instruments currently in use?	☐	☐	☐
Are there inconsistencies between departments or sites?	☐	☐	☐
Is equipment performance considered consistent across procedures?	☐	☐	☐

Notes / Observations

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2. Cable Lifespan & Replacement Frequency

Question	Green	Amber	Red
Is cable replacement frequency currently tracked?	☐	☐	☐
Is there visibility on average cable lifespan?	☐	☐	☐
Are replacement cycles predictable?	☐	☐	☐
Are teams reviewing cost per use rather than cost alone?	☐	☐	☐

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3. Workflow & Sterile Services Review

Question	Green	Amber	Red
Does current equipment integrate smoothly into sterilisation workflows?	☐	☐	☐
Are there recurring handling or processing inconsistencies?	☐	☐	☐
Is equipment standardisation helping workflow efficiency?	☐	☐	☐

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4. Procurement & Long-term Planning

Question	Green	Amber	Red
Is long-term equipment availability considered during procurement reviews?	☐	☐	☐
Are decisions based solely on upfront cost?	☐	☐	☐
Is lifecycle value reviewed as part of purchasing decisions?	☐	☐	☐

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