DO NOT FORGET · THE SHORT CHECKLIST

Wound assessment and suturing

Assessment, cleaning, local anaesthesia and closure of simple lacerations with interrupted sutures in the ED.

EM Orbit

Patient reference	Date	Time	Completed by

The 4 steps that must not be missed

- [ ] BEFORE
Examine distal neurovascular function and tendon function before giving local anaesthetic.
Test each tendon against resistance; test two-point discrimination for digital nerves.

- [ ] BEFORE
Never exceed the maximum dose of local anaesthetic.
Local anaesthetic toxicity: perioral tingling, tinnitus, confusion, seizures, arrhythmia.

- [ ] DURING
Do not close a wound over a retained foreign body or an unexplored deep space.

- [ ] DURING
Dispose of the needle immediately into the sharps bin; do not re-sheath needles by hand.

The short list: an aid to memory, not the whole procedure. The full checklist is at the QR code. It does not replace your local protocol or your clinical judgement.