INCORRECT COUNT ALGORITHM

INCORRECT COUNT IDENTIFIED
REFER TO SURGICAL COUNT POLICY

Surgical Team:
☐ Conduct initial wound exploration

Scrub Person (RN or ST):
☐ Begin to search sterile field

Circulator:
☐ Begin room search
☐ Reference Surgical Count Policy

IF COUNTS ARE NOT RESOLVED

Surgical Team:
☐ Continue to pause closure
☐ Continue to search for item
☐ Order foreign body X-ray

Scrub Person (RN or ST):
☐ Conduct first closure count or repeat count
☐ Continue to search field for item

Circulator:
☐ Conduct first closure count or repeat count
☐ Inform Attending surgeon(s), if necessary
☐ Call OR Desk/Charge RN
☐ Place foreign body X-ray order

IF COUNTS ARE NOT RESOLVED
PAUSE CLOSURE

Attending Surgeon:
☐ Personally conduct wound exploration
☐ Personally review foreign body X-ray
☐ Speak to Attending Radiologist with foreign body X-ray report
☐ Document assessment of foreign body X-ray in post-op note
☐ Refer to Surgical Counts policy
☐ Communicate next course of action to the surgical team

Scrub Person (RN or ST):
☐ Delay relief until counts are resolved

Circulator:
☐ Delay relief until counts are resolved
☐ Refer to Surgical Count policy

IF COUNTS STILL CANNOT BE RECONCILED

Attending Surgeon:
☐ Conclude operation
☐ In consultation with Attending Radiologist, order appropriate post-closure films
☐ Personally review post-closure films
☐ Document assessment of post-closure film in post-op note