Quality and Safety in the OR: A 7 Step Bundle To Prevent SSIs

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Epidemiology of HAI
Observed Cases = Number of infections

Predicted Cases =
(NHSN Pooled Mean x Unit-specific # Device days )/1000

- Yields a risk adjusted comparison number based on unit specific device use

SIR formula = Observed/Predicted
The SIR value will be from ZERO to 1 and above

- A value LESS than 1 indicates that observed cases were LOWER than expected (Desirable)
  - SIR = 0.75 = Performing at 25% lower than comparable groups
- A value of 1 indicates that observed cases were EQUAL to expected
- A value MORE than 1 indicates that observed cases were HIGHER than expected (Undesirable)
  - SIR = 1.30 = Performing at 30% higher than comparable groups
  - SIR = 2.50 = Performing at 150% higher than comparable groups
Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are infections patients can get while receiving medical treatment in a healthcare facility. Working toward the elimination of HAIs is a CDC priority. The standardized infection ratio (SIR) is a summary statistic that can be used to track HAI prevention progress over time; lower SIRs are better. The infection data are reported to CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). HAI data for nearly all U.S. hospitals are published on the Hospital Compare website.

This report is based on 2014 data, published in 2016.

### CLABSIs
- **50% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE**
- Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections
- When a tube is placed in a large vein and not put in correctly or kept clean, it can become a way for germs to enter the body and cause deadly infections in the blood.
- U.S. hospitals reported a significant decrease in CLABSIs between 2013 and 2014.
- Among the 2,442 hospitals in U.S. with enough data to calculate an SIR, 10% had an SIR significantly higher (worse) than 0.50, the value of the national SIR.

### CAUTIs
- **0% NO CHANGE COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE**
- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
- When a urinary catheter is not put in correctly, not kept clean, or left in a patient for too long, germs can travel through the catheter and infect the bladder and kidneys.
- U.S. hospitals reported a significant decrease in CAUTIs between 2013 and 2014.
- Among the 2,880 U.S. hospitals with enough data to calculate an SIR, 12% had an SIR significantly higher (worse) than 1.00, the value of the national SIR.

### MRSA Bacteremia
- **13% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE**
- Laboratory Identified Hospital-Onset Bloodstream Infections
- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is bacteria usually spread by contaminated hands. In a healthcare setting, such as a hospital, MRSA can cause serious bloodstream infections.
- U.S. hospitals reported a significant decrease in MRSA bacteremia between 2013 and 2014.
- Among the 2,042 U.S. hospitals with enough data to calculate an SIR, 8% had an SIR significantly higher (worse) than 0.87, the value of the national SIR.

### SSIs
- **SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS**
- See pages 3-5 for additional procedures
- When germs get into an area where surgery is or was performed, patients can get a surgical site infection. Sometimes these infections involve only the skin. Other SSIs can involve tissues under the skin or organs, or implanted material.

#### SSI: Abdominal Hysterectomy
- U.S. hospitals reported no significant change in SSIs related to abdominal hysterectomy surgery between 2013 and 2014.
- Among the 794 U.S. hospitals with enough data to calculate an SIR, 6% had an SIR significantly higher (worse) than 0.83, the value of the national SIR.

#### SSI: Colon Surgery
- U.S. hospitals reported a significant increase in SSIs related to colon surgery between 2013 and 2014.
- Among the 2,051 U.S. hospitals with enough data to calculate an SIR, 8% had an SIR significantly higher (worse) than 0.98, the value of the national SIR.

### C. difficile Infections
- **8% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE**
- Laboratory Identified Hospital-Onset *C. difficile* Infections
- When a person takes antibiotics, good bacteria that protect against infection are destroyed for several months. During this time, patients can get sick from *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*), bacteria that cause potentially deadly diarrhea, which can be spread in healthcare settings.
- U.S. hospitals reported a significant increase in *C. difficile* infections between 2013 and 2014.
- Among the 3,554 U.S. hospitals with enough data to calculate an SIR, 11% had an SIR significantly higher (worse) than 0.92, the value of the national SIR.

* Statistically significant
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<td>3,655</td>
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*The number of hospitals that reported to NHSN and are included in the SIR calculation. This number may vary across HAI types; for example, some hospitals do not use central lines or urinary catheters, or do not perform colon or abdominal hysterectomy surgeries.

†Nat’l baseline time period varies by HAI type. See first column of this table for specifics.
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<th>Pathogens Involved with SSIs</th>
<th>No (%) of SSI Pathogens</th>
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<tr>
<td>Staph aureus (includes MRSA)</td>
<td>6415 (30.4)</td>
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<td>Coagulase neg staph</td>
<td>2477 (11.7)</td>
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<td>E.Coli</td>
<td>1981 (9.4)</td>
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<td>Enterococcus faecalis</td>
<td>1240 (5.9)</td>
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<td>Pseudomonas aerug</td>
<td>1156 (5.5)</td>
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<td>Enterobacter spp</td>
<td>849 (4.0)</td>
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<td>Klebsiella spp</td>
<td>844 (4.0)</td>
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<td>Enterococcus spp</td>
<td>685 (3.2)</td>
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<td>Proteus spp</td>
<td>667 (3.2)</td>
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<td>Enterococcus faecium</td>
<td>517 (2.5)</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Serratia spp</td>
<td>385 (1.8)</td>
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<td>Candida albicans</td>
<td>367 (1.3)</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Acinetobacter baum</td>
<td>119 (0.6)</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Candida spp</td>
<td>96 (0.5)</td>
<td>14</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other organisms</td>
<td>3399 (16.1)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>21,100 (100)</td>
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A patient with an SSI is:
- 5x more likely to be readmitted after discharge\(^1\)
- 2x more likely to spend time in intensive care\(^1\)
- 2x more likely to die after surgery\(^1\)

The mortality risk is higher when SSI is due to MRSA:
- A patient with MRSA is 12x more likely to die after surgery\(^2\)

Cost of Healthcare associated infections
Health Care-Associated Infections
A Meta-analysis of Costs and Financial Impact on the US Health Care System

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OBJECTIVE To estimate costs associated with the most significant and targetable HAIs.

DATA SOURCES For estimation of attributable costs, we conducted a systematic review of the literature using PubMed for the years 1986 through April 2013. For HAI incidence estimates, we used the National Healthcare Safety Network of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

STUDY SELECTION Studies performed outside the United States were excluded. Inclusion criteria included a robust method of comparison using a matched control group or an appropriate regression strategy, generalizable populations typical of inpatient wards and critical care units, methodologic consistency with CDC definitions, and soundness of handling economic outcomes.
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<th>HAI</th>
<th>Est Annual %</th>
<th>Est Direct Cost</th>
<th>Avg Length of Stay</th>
<th>Attributable Mortality</th>
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<tr>
<td>Surgical Site Infection (SSI)</td>
<td>33.7%</td>
<td>$20 785</td>
<td>~11 days</td>
<td>~4%</td>
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<td>MRSA SSI</td>
<td></td>
<td>$42 300</td>
<td>~23 days</td>
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<td>Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)</td>
<td>18.9%</td>
<td>$45 814</td>
<td>~10 days</td>
<td>~26%</td>
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<tr>
<td>MRSA CLABSI</td>
<td></td>
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<td>~16 days</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)</td>
<td>31.6%</td>
<td>$40 144</td>
<td>~13 days</td>
<td>~24%</td>
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<td>Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
<td>$896</td>
<td>&lt; 1 day</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI)</td>
<td>15.4%</td>
<td>$11 285</td>
<td>~ 3 days</td>
<td>~4%</td>
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A 7 S Bundle Approach to Preventing Surgical Site Infections
7 “S” bundle to prevent SSI
www.7sbundle.com

SAFETY – Safe OPERATING ROOM

SCREEN – Screening for presence of MRSA & MSSA

SHOWERS – Showers pre-op night before and morning of surgery with CHLORHEXIDINE (CHG)

SKIN PREP – Skin with alcohol based antiseptics such as CHG or Iodophor

SOLUTION – Surgical irrigation with 0.05% CHG

SUTURES – Sutures with antibacterial protection

SKIN CLOSURE – Sealing the incision with topical incisional adhesive
#1 – Safety - Is Your OR Safe?

- Traffic control, number of surgeons, staff, reps, visitors in the OR
- Improper surgical attire resulting in skin cells/organisms into environment from uncovered arms, hair, back of neck
- Improperly maintained air handling systems, filtration
- Hair clipping in the operating room
- Inadequate surgical prophylaxis (selection, dosing, timing)
- Inadequate room turnover and terminal cleaning procedures
- Inadequate surgical technique and handling of tissues
- Improper instrument cleaning/sterilization process, lack of use of enzymatic solution
- Improper use of biological indicators
- Contamination from storage of supplies, supply bins, carts, tables, stationary equipment
Follow AORN Evidence Based Practices

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- Preoperative Patient Skin Antisepsis
- Environmental Cleaning in the Perioperative Setting
- Surgical Tissue Banking
- Surgical Hand Antisepsis
- Cleaning and Care of Instruments and Powered Equipment
- Cleaning and Care of Surgical Instruments
- Cleaning and Processing of Flexible Endoscopes
- High Level Disinfection
- Cleaning and Processing Anesthesia Equipment
- Sterilization in the Perioperative Setting
- Hand Hygiene in the Perioperative Setting
- Prevention of Transmissible Infections in Perioperative Settings
- Surgical attire
- Sharps Safety
Joint Commission Surgical Care Improvement Program (SCIP)

*Surgical prophylaxis: selection, time, discontinuation of abx (24hrs or 48hrs cardiac)
*Hair clippers (no razors) – done outside the OR room
*Warming patient (pre-postop)
*Increased oxygen
*Remove Foley catheter within 48 hours post-op
Normal individuals shed more than 10 million particles from their skin every day.
Approximately 10% of skin squames carry viable microorganisms and it’s estimated that individuals shed approximately 1 million microorganisms from their bodies each day.
Head cover or hood should be designed to minimize microbial dispersal.
Skullcaps may fail to contain the side hair above and in front of the ears and hair at the nape of the neck.
Facility approved, clean, and freshly laundered surgical attire

If scrubs are worn into the institution from outside, they should be changed before entering semi-restricted or restricted areas to minimize the potential for contamination (e.g., animal hair, dust, cross contamination from other uncontrolled environments)

Home laundering of surgical attire is not recommended

Non scrubbed personnel should wear long sleeved jackets that are buttoned or snapped closed during use

Complete closure of the jacket avoids accidental contamination of the sterile field

Long-sleeved attire is advocated to prevent bacterial shedding from bare arms and is included in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation for the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
Shaving increases risk for SSI

Hair removal should be performed
  o using a clipper
  o on the day of surgery
  o in a location outside of the procedure room
  o Assure clipper is cleaned between use

Only interfering hair should be removed
New Vacuum-assisted Technology to Eliminate the Need for Surgical Clipping Cleanup and Use of Tape

Infection control concern: previous patient hair in clippers and contaminated tape
Cleaning / sterilization of instruments
www.aami.org

- Expect both TJC and CMS to spend a lot of time in Central Sterile Processing during Surveys
- Assure IFUs from manufactures are located in CSS (not the managers office) – online software best option (www.onsource.com)
- Challenges with instruments
  - Lumens, grooves, sorting, hand cleaning, disassembly required – massive kits
  - Many instruments cannot be disassembled
  - Correct use of Biologic Indicators
  - Double Packaging
- Pre-soaking and rinsing of tissue and blood from the instruments in the operating room before sent to decontamination with enzymatic...
Environmental cleaning

- Evaluate between room cleaning procedures
- Terminal cleaning procedures on evening/night shift
- Correct process – top to bottom, clean to dirty
- Is there sufficient staff to terminally clean all OR rooms each day?
Pathogens survive on surfaces

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<th>Organism</th>
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<td>Clostridium difficile</td>
<td>35- &gt;200 days.(^2,7,8)</td>
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<td>Methicillin resistant <em>Staphylococcus aureus</em> (MRSA)</td>
<td>14- &gt;300 days.(^1,5,10)</td>
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<td>Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus (VRE)</td>
<td>58- &gt;200 days.(^2,3,4)</td>
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<td><em>Escherichia coli</em></td>
<td>&gt;150- 480 days.(^7,9)</td>
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<td><em>Acinetobacter</em></td>
<td>150- &gt;300 days.(^7,11)</td>
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<td><em>Klebsiella</em></td>
<td>&gt;10- 900 days.(^6,7)</td>
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<td><em>Salmonella typhimurium</em></td>
<td>10 days- 4.2 years.(^7)</td>
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<td><em>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</em></td>
<td>120 days.(^7)</td>
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<td><em>Candida albicans</em></td>
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<td>Most viruses from the respiratory tract (eg: corona, coxsackie, influenza, SARS, rhino virus)</td>
<td>Few days.(^7)</td>
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<td>Viruses from the gastrointestinal tract (eg: astrovirus, HAV, polio- or rota virus)</td>
<td>60- 90 days.(^7)</td>
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<td>Blood-borne viruses (eg: HBV or HIV)</td>
<td>&gt;7 days.(^5)</td>
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2. BIOQUELL trials, unpublished data.
# Prior room occupancy increases risk

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<td>Shaughnessy 2008⁴</td>
<td>C. difficile – prior room occupant</td>
<td>2.4x</td>
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<td>Nseir 2010⁵</td>
<td>A. baumannii – prior room occupant</td>
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New Technology for Operating Room Terminal Cleaning Being Used in Some Operating Rooms

Ultraviolet C lights
www.TruD.com
www.rapiddisinfector.com
www.xenex.com

Disinfecting White/Indigo Lights
www.indigoclean.com
www.vidashield.com

Disinfectant surface sprays
http://www.byosafemt.com/
#2 SCREEN for MRSA and MSSA Colonization
Risk Factors for Orthopedic Surgical Infections

Table 4. Infection risk factor

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<th>Risk factor</th>
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<td>Current tobacco use</td>
<td>3.00 (1.78 5.06)</td>
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<td>Current or history of bone cancer</td>
<td>12.85 (4.64 35.59)</td>
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<td>Diabetes mellitus</td>
<td>2.44 (1.55 3.82)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.001</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B</td>
<td>7.34 (0.96 56.1)</td>
<td>0.027</td>
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<td>Hepatitis C</td>
<td>5.59 (2.21 14.19)</td>
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<td>MRSA colonization or prior infection</td>
<td>7.34 (2.85 18.91)</td>
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<td>MSSA colonization or prior infection</td>
<td>8.64 (3.75 19.89)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.001</td>
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<td>Staphylococcal colonization or prior infection</td>
<td>6.52 (3.41 12.51)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.001</td>
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<td>Underweight (BMI &lt; 18.5 kg/m²)</td>
<td>1.90 (0.26 13.7)</td>
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<td>Overweight (BMI 25.0 29.9 kg/m²)</td>
<td>0.60 (0.24 1.50)</td>
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<td>Obese (BMI 30.0 39.9 kg/m²)</td>
<td>0.84 (0.51 1.41)</td>
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<td>Morbid obesity (BMI 40.0 49.9 kg/m²)</td>
<td>1.28 (0.61 2.65)</td>
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<td>Super obesity (BMI 50 + kg/m²)</td>
<td>15.69 (5.97 41.21)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.001</td>
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<td>Obesity hypoventilation syndrome</td>
<td>10.2 (1.17 88.5)</td>
<td>0.01</td>
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MRSA = methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, MSSA = methicillin susceptible *S aureus*, BMI = body mass index.

Institutional Prescreening for Detection and Eradication of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus in Patients Undergoing Elective Orthopaedic Surgery

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**Results:**

60% reduction in MRSA infections  
40% reduction in MSSA infection  
\( p<0.001 \)
#3 – Showers with CHG
Evidence for a Standardized Preadmission Showering Regimen to Achieve Maximal Antiseptic Skin Surface Concentrations of Chlorhexidine Gluconate, 4%, in Surgical Patients

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OBJECTIVE. Surgical site infections (SSIs) are responsible for significant morbidity and mortality. Preadmission skin antisepsis, while controversial, has gained acceptance as a strategy for reducing the risk of SSI. In this study, we analyze the benefit of an electronic alert system for enhancing compliance to preadmission application of 2% chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG).

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS. Following informed consent, 100 healthy volunteers in an academic, tertiary care medical center were randomized to 5 chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) skin application groups: 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 consecutive applications. Participants were further randomized into 2 subgroups with or without electronic alert. Skin surface concentrations of CHG (μg/mL) were analyzed using a colorimetric assay at 5 separate anatomic sites.

INTERVENTION. Preadmission application of chlorhexidine gluconate, 2%

RESULTS. Mean composite skin surface CHG concentrations in volunteer participants receiving EA following 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 applications were 1,040.5, 1,334.4, 1,278.2, 1,643.9, and 1,803.1 μg/mL, respectively, while composite skin surface concentrations in the no-EA group were 913.8, 1,240.0, 1,298.3, 1,194.4, and 1,364.2 μg/mL, respectively (ANOVA, P < .001). Composite ratios (CHG concentration/minimum inhibitory concentration required to inhibit the growth of 90% of organisms [MIC]) for 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 applications using the 2% CHG cloth were 208.1, 266.8, 255.6, 328.8, and 360.6, respectively, representing CHG skin concentrations effective against staphylococcal surgical pathogens. The use of this electronic alert system resulted in significant increase in skin concentrations of CHG in the 4- and 5-application groups (P < .04 and P < .007, respectively).

CONCLUSION. The findings of this study suggest an evidence-based standardized process that includes use of an Internet-based electronic alert system to improve patient compliance while maximizing skin surface concentrations effective against MSSA and other staphylococcal surgical pathogens.

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To Maximize Skin Surface Concentrations of CHG – A Standardize Process Should Include:

**The 4% Story**
- An SMS, text or voicemail reminder to shower
- A standardized regimen – instructions – Oral and written
- TWO SHOWERS (CLEANSINGS) – NIGHT BEFORE/MORNING OF SURGERY
- A 1-minute pause before rinsing (4% CHG)
- A total volume of 4-ozs. for each shower

**The 2% Cloth Story**
- An SMS, text or voicemail reminder
- Oral and written patient instructions – Cleanse gently
- TOTAL OF SIX CLOTHS SHOULD BE USED – 3 NIGHT BEFORE AND 3 THE MORNING OF SURGERY
- Use both sides of the cloth – maximize release of CHG
- CLEANSE GENTLY
To Bathe or Not to Bathe With Chlorhexidine Gluconate: Is It Time to Take a Stand for Preadmission Bathing and Cleansing?

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Does Preadmission Cutaneous Chlorhexidine Preparation Reduce Surgical Site Infections After Total Knee Arthroplasty?

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#4 Skin Prep – Alcohol based surgical skin prep
Use an alcohol-containing antiseptic agent for preoperative skin preparation

- Two types of preoperative skin preparations that combine alcohol (which has an immediate and dramatic killing effect on skin bacteria)
- Long-acting antimicrobial agents appear to be more effective at preventing SSI than povidone-iodine (an iodophor) alone:
  - Chlorhexidine plus alcohol
  - Iodophor plus alcohol

*Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI): Prevention of SSI: Use Alcohol based antiseptics  2012*
# 5  Sutures – Vicryl Plus Antimicrobial
Bacterial colonization of suture

Like all foreign bodies, sutures can be colonized by bacteria:
- Implants provide nidus for attachment of bacteria\(^1\)
- Bacterial colonization can lead to biofilm formation\(^1\)
- Biofilm formation increases the difficulty of treating an infection\(^2\)

On an implant, such as a suture, it takes only 100 staphylococci per gram of tissue for an SSI to develop\(^3\)

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Potential for Contamination of Sutures at End of Case

Suture with Staphylococcus colonies

Air settling plates in the operating room at the last hour of a total joint case from the anesthesia

Antibacterial Suture Challenge

- Studied the “zone of inhibition” around the suture
  - A pure culture—0.5 MacFarland Broth—of *S. aureus* was prepared on a culture plate
  - An antibacterial suture was aseptically cut, planted on the culture plate, and incubated for 24 hrs – held at 5 and 10 days

![5 day zone of inhibition](image1)
![10 day zone of inhibition](image2)

Traditional suture
Antimicrobial suture

Is there an evidence-based argument for embracing an antimicrobial (triclosan)-coated suture technology to reduce the risk for surgical-site infections?: A meta-analysis

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**Background:** It has been estimated that 750,000 to 1 million surgical-site infections (SSIs) occur in the United States each year, causing substantial morbidity and mortality. Triclosan-coated sutures were developed as an adjunctive strategy for SSI risk reduction, but a recently published systematic literature review and meta-analysis suggested that no clinical benefit is associated with this technology. However, that study was hampered by poor selection of available randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and low patient numbers. The current systematic review involves 13 randomized, international RCTs, totaling 3,568 surgical patients.

**Methods:** A systematic literature search was performed on PubMed, Embase/Medline, Cochrane database group (Central Register of Controlled Trials, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Health Economic Evaluations Database/Database of Health Technology Assessments), and www.clinicaltrials.gov to identify RCTs of triclosan-coated sutures compared with conventional sutures and assessing the clinical effectiveness of antimicrobial sutures to decrease the risk for SSIs. A fixed- and random-effects model was developed, and pooled estimates reported as risk ratio (RR) with a corresponding 95% confidence interval (CI). Publication bias was assessed by analyzing a funnel plot of individual studies and testing the Egger regression intercept.

**Results:** The meta-analysis (13 RCTs, 3,568 patients) found that use of triclosan antimicrobial-coated sutures was associated with a decrease in SSIs in selected patient populations (fixed effect: RR = 0.734; 95% CI: 0.590–0.913; P = .005; random-effect: RR = 0.693; 95% CI: 0.533–0.929; P = .011). No publication bias was detected (Egger intercept test: P = .145).

**Conclusion:** Decreasing the risk for SSIs requires a multifaceted “care bundle” approach, and this meta-analysis of current, pooled, peer-reviewed, randomized controlled trials suggests a clinical effectiveness of antimicrobial-coated sutures (triclosan) in the prevention of SSIs, representing Center for Evidence-Based Medicine level 1a evidence. (Surgery 2013;154;89-100.)

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**Meta-analysis**

Systematic review and meta-analysis of triclosan-coated sutures for the prevention of surgical-site infection

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**Background:** Surgical-site infections (SSIs) increase morbidity and mortality in surgical patients and represent an economic burden to healthcare systems. Experiments have shown that triclosan-coated sutures (TCS) are beneficial in the prevention of SSI, although the results from individual randomized controlled trials (RCTs) are inconclusive. A meta-analysis of available RCTs was performed to evaluate the efficacy of TCS in the prevention of SSI.

**Methods:** A systematic search of PubMed, Embase, MEDLINE, Web of Science, the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials and internet-based trial registries for RCTs comparing the effect of TCS and conventional uncoated sutures on SSIs was conducted until June 2012. The primary outcome investigated was the incidence of SSI. Pooled relative risks with 95 per cent confidence interval (c.i.) were estimated with RevMan 5.1.6.

**Results:** Seventeen RCTs involving 3720 participants were included. No heterogeneity of statistical significance across studies was observed. TCS showed a significant advantage in reducing the rate of SSI by 30 per cent (relative risk 0.70, 95 per cent c.i. 0.57 to 0.85; P < 0.001). Subgroup analyses revealed consistent results in favour of TCS in adult patients, abdominal procedures, and clean or clean-contaminated surgical wounds.

**Conclusion:** TCS demonstrated a significant beneficial effect in the prevention of SSI after surgery.

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Edmiston et al., Surgery 2013;154;89-100

Wang et al., British J Surg 2013;100;465-473
#6 Solution – to Pollution is Dilution
Pulsatile Lavage Irrigation

Higher irrigant pressures result in greater osseous damage and perhaps impairment of osseous healing\(^1\)

Kalteis et al. revealed that compared with brush and bulb-syringe lavage high and low-pressure pulsatile lavage resulted in significantly (\(p < 0.001\)) higher rates of deep bacterial seeding in bone\(^2\)

No evidence that Bacitracin/Polymixin irrigations reduce rate of SSI\(^2\) (and risk of anaphylaxis with Bacitracin)


Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.05% is an excellent biocide that binds to tissues.

It has demonstrated antimicrobial efficacy and persistence in laboratory testing.

The mechanical action effectively loosens and removes wound debris.

Safe for mucous membranes – approved by FDA.

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A) The positively charged Chlorhexidine molecule is attracted to the negatively charged phospholipids in the cell wall.

B) Chlorhexidine binds to the cell wall causing it to rupture.

C) The rupturing of the cell wall causes fluid to leak leading to lysis and cell death.
Why CHG Irrigation? Air current contaminants can be flushed out before closure.

CHG Irrigant leaves a 2 week antimicrobial action in the tissue.
Practice forum

Surgical wound irrigation: A call for evidence-based standardization of practice

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- Surgeons, perioperative nurses, and infection preventionists must partner to deliver exceptional infection prevention results.
- Infection preventionists need to know more about what happens “behind the red line” and how they can support practice changes that deliver real results.
- There is currently an absence of evidence-based science addressing surgical irrigation. As a result, there is a lack of guidance and standardization in perioperative practice. Standardization must address irrigation solution type(s), volume(s), and method(s) of delivery.
- Existing published evidence is sufficient to support:
  - Elimination of antibiotic solution for surgical irrigation;
  - Avoidance of surfactants for surgical irrigation
- Current existing published evidence is not sufficient to guide delivery method and volume. Expert opinion could instead be used to guide best practice.
Colon Surgical Site Infections (SSI)
Sep 2015 - Aug 2016

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p = 0.030
**Abdominal Hysterectomy Surgical Site Infections (SSI)**

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#7 Skin Adhesive – Care of the Incision

**Wound Healing Phases**

**Inflammatory**
- 1) Immediate to 2-5 days
- 2) Bleeding stops (haemostasis)
  - i) Constriction of the blood supply
  - ii) Platelets start to clot
  - iii) Formation of a scab
- 3) Inflammation
  - i) Opening of the blood supply
  - ii) Cleansing of the wound

**Proliferative**
- 1) 5 days to 3 weeks
- 2) Granulation
  - i) New collagen tissue is laid down
  - ii) New capillaries fills in defect
- 3) Contraction
  - i) Wound edges pull together
- 4) Epithelialization
  - i) Cells cross over the moist surface
  - ii) Cell travel about 3 cm from point of origin

**Maturation**
- 1) Collagen forms which increases tensile strength to wounds
- 2) Scar tissue is only 80 percent as strong as original tissue
- 3) 3 weeks to 2 years
Challenges in the post-op patient

- Incision collects fluid – serum, blood - growth medium for organisms – small dehiscence between staples and steri-strips
- Spine fusions - incisions close to the buttocks or neck
- Body fluid contamination from bedpans/commodes
- Heavy perspiration common with obese patients
- Friction and sliding - tears and blisters
- Itchy skin - due to pain medications – skin breakdown
Topical Skin Adhesive: Benefits Beyond Risk Reduction

- **For Hospital Staff**
  - No time spent removing staples or sutures
  - Reduces hospitalization costs
  - Reduces number of suture set ups
  - Simplifies post-op wound checks
  - Reduces number of wound dressings
  - Can reduce staff suture exposures

- **For Patients**
  - 7 days of wound healing strength in less than one minute of application
  - Shower immediately
  - Outstanding cosmesis
  - Reduced follow-up
  - Less pain and anxiety
Adhesive Border and Healing
6 Weeks Post-op and Beyond
Incisional Adhesive on Total Knee
Clinical Use of Incisional Adhesive in Orthopedic Total Joints

Hip: Sealed with adhesive covered with gauze and transparent dressing for incision protection

Knee: Sealed with incisional adhesive, covered with Telfa and a transparent dressing for incision protection

Healed incision
Which Would You Prefer???

Topical Incisional Adhesive (TSA)
Octyl Cyanoacrylate
OTHER OPTIONS when adhesives are contraindicated
Antimicrobial Dressings (PHMB, Silver)

Spencer et al: The Use of Antimicrobial Gauze Dressing (AMD) After Orthopedic Surgery To Reduce Surgical Site Infections  NAON 2010 Annual Congress - May 15-19, 2010
Other Bundled Approaches to Colorectal SSI Prevention
In Conclusion.....
Many Risk Factors Influence SSI

One thing could lead to the failure
Additional resources

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www.workingtowardzero.com
Additional References

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