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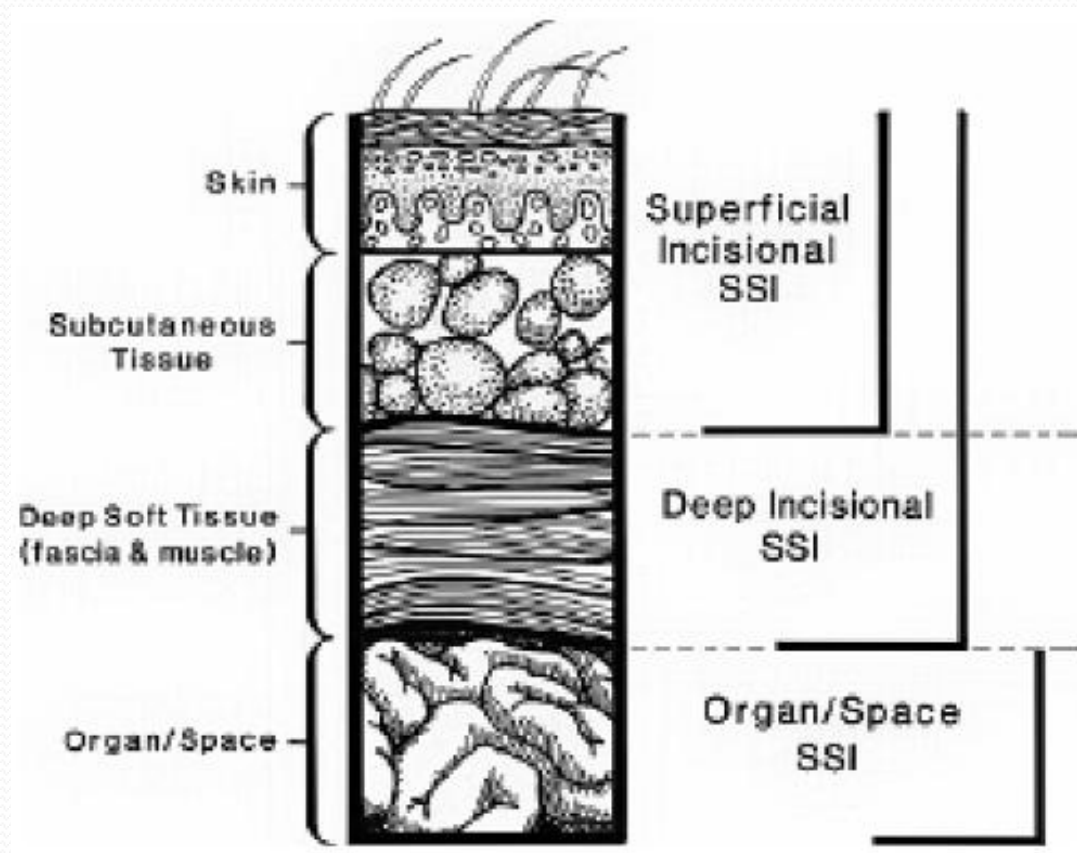
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Definition

- SSI: Infection related to an operative procedure that occurs at or near the surgical incision within
 - 30 days of the procedure
 - 90 days if prosthetic material is implanted at surgery

Classification of surgical site infections



Clinical criteria for SSI:

- A purulent exudate draining from a surgical site
- A positive fluid culture obtained from a surgical site that was closed primarily
- A surgical site that is reopened in the setting of at least one clinical sign of infection (pain, swelling, erythema, warmth) and is culture positive or not cultured
- The surgeon's diagnosis of infection

Epidemiology and burden worldwide

- SSIs: significant burden in terms of
 - patient morbidity and mortality
 - prolonged hospital stay
 - additional costs to health systems and service payers worldwide.

Table 3.1.2. Summary of SSI rates in different countries

Country (reference)	SSI rate (%) (95% CI [when provided])	Year*	Measurement used	Study design
USA (5, 15)	0.9 17% decrease in SSI related to the 10 selected procedures (2014 compared to 2008)	2014	Cumulative incidence (episodes per 100 operations)	NHSN data (incidence design)
European Union (6)	9.5 (COLO) 3.5 (CABG) 2.9 (CSEC) 1.4 (CHOL) 1.0 (HPRO) 0.8 (LAM) 0.75 (KPRO)	2010–2011	Cumulative incidence (episodes per 100 operations)	ECDC HAI SSI protocol (21)
England (8)	Large bowel surgery: 8.3 (7.9–8.7) Small bowel surgery: 4.9 (4.3–5.7) Bile duct, liver and pancreatic surgery: 4.9 (4.1–5.9) CHOL: 4.6 (3.1–6.6) KPRO: 0.4 (0.3–0.4)	2008–2013	Incidence density (episodes per 1000 patient-days)	SSI surveillance - incidence design

Country (reference)	SSI rate (%) (95% CI [when provided])	Year*	Measurement used	Study design
Republic of Korea (35, 37)	Overall: 2.1 Gastrectomy: 3.1 (522/16 918) Total hip arthroplasty: 2.0 (157/7656)	2010–2011 2008–2012	Cumulative incidence (episodes per 100 operations)	National surgical site infection surveillance system – incidence design
Uruguay (42)	Appendectomy: 3.2 Cardiac surgery: 2.5 Cholecystectomy: 6.2 COLO: 15.4	2014	Cumulative incidence (episodes per 100 operations)	National nosocomial infection surveillance system
Chile (43)	Coronary bypass surgery: 3.1 Hip joint replacement: 1.9	2013		National HAI infection surveillance system
LMICs-WHO	Average 6.1 (5.0–7.2)	1995–2015	Cumulative incidence (episodes per 100 operations)	Incidence/prospective
South-East Asia (40)	7.8 (6.3–9.3)	2000–2012	Pooled incidence review	Systematic literature review

Introduction

- No full guidelines to prevent SSIs have been issued by WHO.
- Some national guidelines are available, especially in Europe and North America, but several inconsistencies
- The aim of these guidelines is to provide a comprehensive range of **evidence-based recommendations for interventions** to be applied during the **pre-, intra- and postoperative** periods for the prevention of SSI

GRADE categories for the quality of evidence

High

very confident that the true effect lies close to that of the estimate of the effect.

Moderate

moderately confident in the effect estimate: the true effect is likely to be close to the estimate of the effect, but there is a possibility that it is substantially different.

Low

Our confidence in the effect estimate is **limited**: the true effect may be substantially different from the estimate of the effect.

Very low

very little confidence in the effect estimate: the true effect is likely to be substantially different from the estimate of the effect.

Categories for recommendation

Strong

The panel was **confident** that the benefits of the intervention **outweighed** the risks

Conditional

The panel **considered** that the benefits of the intervention **probably outweighed** the risks



Preoperative measures

1. Preoperative bathing

- It is good clinical practice for patients to **bathe or shower prior to surgery**. The panel suggests that either a **plain** or **antimicrobial soap** may be used for this purpose. (*Conditional recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*).
- No recommendation on the use of **chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG)** impregnated cloths for the purpose of reducing SSI due to the limited and very low quality evidence

2. Optimal timing for preoperative surgical antibiotic prophylaxis

- The panel recommends
 - the **administration of SAP prior to the surgical incision** when indicated (depending on the type of operation) (*Strong recommendation, low quality of evidence*)
 - the administration of SAP **within 120 minutes before incision**, while considering the half-life of the antibiotic (*Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*)

3. Mechanical bowel preparation and the use of oral antibiotics

- **Preoperative oral antibiotics combined with mechanical bowel preparation** should be used to reduce the risk of SSI in adult patients undergoing **elective colorectal surgery** (*Conditional recommendation, moderate quality evidence*)

4. Hair removal

- In patients undergoing any surgical procedure, hair should either **not be removed** or, if absolutely necessary, it should be removed only with a clipper. **Shaving is strongly discouraged** at all times, whether preoperatively or in the operating room. *(Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence)*

5. Surgical site preparation

- The panel recommends **alcohol-based antiseptic solutions based on CHG** for surgical site skin preparation in patients undergoing surgical procedures. (*Strong recommendation, low to moderate quality of evidence*)

6. Antimicrobial skin sealants

- Antimicrobial sealants **should not be used** after surgical site skin preparation for the purpose of reducing SSI. (*Conditional recommendation, very low quality of evidence*)

7. Surgical hand preparation

- The panel recommends that surgical hand preparation be performed either by **scrubbing with a suitable antimicrobial soap and water or using a suitable ABHR** before donning sterile gloves. (*Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*)



**Preoperative and/or
intraoperative measures**

8. Enhanced nutritional support

- Considering the administration of **oral or enteral multiple nutrient-enhanced nutritional formulas** for the purpose of preventing SSI in underweight patients who undergo major surgical operations. *(Conditional recommendation, very low quality of evidence)*

9. Maintaining normal body temperature (normothermia)

- The use of **warming devices** in the operating room and during the surgical procedure for patient body warming with the purpose of reducing SSI.
(Conditional recommendation, moderate quality of evidence)

10. Perioperative discontinuation of immunosuppressive agents

- The panel suggests **not discontinuing** immunosuppressive medication prior to surgery for the purpose of preventing SSI. (*Conditional recommendation, very low quality of evidence*)

11. Perioperative oxygenation


- Adult patients undergoing general anaesthesia with endotracheal intubation for surgical procedures should receive a **FiO₂ 80% intraoperatively** and, if feasible, in the **immediate postoperative period for 2-6 hours** to reduce the risk of SSI. (*Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence*)

14. Use of protocols for intensive perioperative blood glucose control

- The panel suggests the use of protocols for intensive perioperative **blood glucose control** for both diabetic and non-diabetic adult patients undergoing surgical procedures to reduce the risk of SSI.
(Conditional recommendation, low quality of evidence)

16. Wound protector devices

- The panel suggests considering **the use of wound protector devices** in clean-contaminated, contaminated and dirty abdominal surgical procedures for the purpose of reducing the rate of SSI. *(Conditional recommendation, very low quality of evidence)*

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- Drapes and gowns
 - Use of surgical gloves
 - Changing of surgical instruments
 - The panel suggests that laminar airflow ventilation systems should not be used to reduce the risk of SSI for patients undergoing total arthroplasty surgery.

Conclusion

- SSIs: associated with substantial morbidity and mortality, prolonged hospital stay, and increased cost.
- This guideline is to provide pre-, intra-, and post-operative measures to **improve the quality of care and outcome** of patients undergoing surgical procedures through the prevention of SSI.