

# Organ Space Surgical Site Infection (SSI), 2015

NHSN operative procedure within past 30 days or 90 days for applicable procedures\* according to the list in Table 3 Surveillance Period for Deep & Organ/Space SSI, where procedure date is Day 1  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/9pscSSIcurrent.pdf>

No **STOP**

Yes

Infection involves any part of the body deeper than the fascial/muscle layers, that is opened or manipulated during an operative procedure

No **STOP**

Yes

One or more of the following criteria is present:

- Purulent drainage from a drain that is placed into the organ/space
- Organisms isolated from an aseptically-obtained culture of fluid or tissue in the organ/space
- Abscess or other evidence of infection involving the organ/space that is detected on gross anatomical or histopathologic exam, or imaging test

No **STOP**

Yes

Meets at least one criterion as listed in Table 4 Specific Sites of Organ/Space SSI  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/9pscSSIcurrent.pdf>  
Refer to CDC/NHSN Surveillance Definitions for Specific Types of Infections criteria  
[http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/17pscNosInfDef\\_current.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/17pscNosInfDef_current.pdf)

No **STOP**

Yes

PATOS – Infection Present at Time of Surgery

Did surgeon document evidence of an organ space infection at surgical site in preoperative or intraoperative index surgery documentation?

Yes

No

Report OS SSI and select  
“PATOS = YES” in NHSN SSI  
event application  
Date of event when first element

Report OS SSI and select  
“PATOS = NO” in NHSN SSI  
event application  
Date of event when first element

