

Superficial Incisional Surgical Site Infection (SSI), 2015

NHSN operative procedure within past 30 days, where procedure date is Day 1, including those coded as 'OTH' * Table 1. NHSN Operative Procedure Mappings
<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/9pscSSIcurrent.pdf>

No **STOP**

Yes

Infection only involves skin and subcutaneous tissue of incision

- Do not include stitch abscess alone (minimal inflammation and discharge confined to the points of suture penetration)
- Do not include localized stab wound or pin site infections
- Do not include cellulitis, if cellulitis is only symptom present

No **STOP**

Yes

One or more of the following criteria is present:

- Purulent drainage from superficial incision
- Organism(s) isolated from aseptically-obtained culture from superficial incision or subcutaneous tissue
- 1) Superficial incision is deliberately opened by surgeon or other practitioners**
AND
2) If site is cultured, culture is positive with growth, or site was not cultured
AND
3) patient is experiencing at least one of the following signs or symptoms
 - localized pain or tenderness
 - localized swelling
 - erythema
 - heat
- Diagnosis of superficial incisional SSI by surgeon or other practitioners** infectious disease, other physician on the case, emergency physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant*practitioners listed above*

No **STOP**

Yes

PATOS – Infection Present at Time of Surgery

Did surgeon document evidence of a superficial infection at surgical site in preoperative or intraoperative index surgery documentation?

Yes

No

Report SIP SSI and select "PATOS = YES" in NHSN SSI event application

Date of event when first element used

Report SIP SSI and select "PATOS = NO" in NHSN SSI event application

Date of event when first element



Healthcare Associated Infections Prevention Program

http://health.utah.gov/epi/diseases/HAI/NHSN_surveillance_definitions/index.html

Adapted from NHSN Surveillance Definitions

<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/ssi/index.html>