



Infection Prevention and Control

SURGICAL SITE INFECTION REPORT FORM

Client: _____
DOB (dd/mmm/yyyy): _____
HRN / MHSC: _____
PHIN#: _____

Addressograph/Place Label Here

Patient: Please take this form to the nearest healthcare facility if you develop ONE or MORE of the symptoms indicated below (do not complete yourself).

Symptoms that developed after surgery:

- Redness, heat, and/or swelling around the surgical site
- Pus from the surgical site
- Increased pain or tenderness at the surgical site
- Chills/fever with a temperature greater than 38° Celsius

Surgeon: If the patient develops ONE or MORE of the symptoms above, please complete the rest of this form and fax to the Regional Coordinators, Infection Prevention & Control at: (204) 326-2969.

Program/Unit where infection identified:

- Acute Care
- Outpatient Department/Emergency Department
- Personal Care Home
- Home Care
- Primary Health Care
- Public Health
- Post-operative follow-up appointment
- Other (specify) _____

Hospital where surgery performed: _____

Date of surgery: _____ (dd/mmm/yyyy) Symptom onset date: _____ (dd/mmm/yyyy)

Type of Surgery:

- Cesarean Section
- Open Colorectal
- Total Hip Arthroplasty
- Total Knee Arthroplasty

Please complete page 2 of this form, and identify the type of SSI

Health Care Provider Signature

Date (dd/mmm/yyyy)



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Superficial Incisional SSI

Infection occurs within 30 days after the operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date) and involves only skin and subcutaneous tissue of the incision

Patient has at least **ONE (1)** of the following:

- 1) Purulent drainage from the superficial incision;
- 2) Organisms isolated from an aseptically obtained culture of fluid or tissue from the superficial incision;
- 3) Superficial incision that is deliberately opened by a surgeon, attending physician, or other designate** **AND** is culture-positive or not cultured (Note: A culture-negative finding does not meet this criterion); **AND** patient has at least **ONE (1)** of the following signs or symptoms of infection:
 Pain or tenderness Localized swelling Redness Heat
- 4) Diagnosis of superficial SSI by surgeon, attending physician, or other designate**

Reporting instructions for Superficial SSI:

- Do not report a stitch abscess (minimal inflammation and discharge confined to the points of suture penetration) as an SSI.
- Do not report a localized stab wound or pin site infection as an SSI.
- Cellulitis (redness/warmth/swelling), by itself, does not meet the criteria for an SSI.
- The type of SSI (superficial incisional, deep incisional, or organ/space) reported should reflect the deepest tissue layer involved in the infection (e.g. report infection that involves the superficial and deep incisional sites as deep incisional SSI).

Deep Incisional SSI

Infection that occurs within 30 days after the operative procedure or within 90 days if an implant is left in place (where day 1 = the procedure date) and involves deep soft tissues of the incision (e.g. fascial and muscle layers)

Patient has at least **ONE (1)** of the following:

- 1) Purulent drainage from the deep incision;
- 2) A deep incision that spontaneously dehisces or is deliberately opened by a surgeon, attending physician, or other designate** and is culture-positive or not cultured (Note: A culture-negative finding does not meet this criterion); **AND** Patient has at least ONE (1) of the following signs or symptoms of infection:
 Fever greater than or equal to 38° Celsius Localized pain or tenderness
- 3) An abscess or other evidence of infection involving the deep incision that is detected on direct examination, during an invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test.

Organ/Space SSI

Infection that occurs within 30 days after the operative procedure or 90 days if an implant is left in place (where day 1 = the procedure date) and involves any part of the body, excluding the skin incision, fascia, or muscle layers, that is opened or manipulated during the operative procedure

Patient has at least **ONE (1)** of the following:

- 1) Purulent drainage from a drain that is placed in the organ/space;
- 2) Organisms isolated from an aseptically obtained culture of fluid or tissue in the organ/space;
- 3) An abscess or other evidence of infection involving the organ/space that is detected on direct examination, during an invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test.

**may be interpreted to mean nurse practitioner, midwife, or physician assistant.