



# Current Issues in Ambulatory Infection Surveillance for SSIs

## Follow-Up Q&A

**Q** If we are not TJC accredited, did this webinar apply to us?

**A** The NHSN guidelines can be applied to any ASC, regardless of accrediting body. Remember that you need to cite a source of your infection surveillance organization in your policy. The NHSN guidelines are a recommended source you can base your policy on.

**Q** Has the CDC definition for a SSI pertaining to the eye changed? We are currently using the following definition: If a postop infection occurs within 30 days after surgery with no implant or up to one year with an implant it is considered a postop infection.

**A** Implants no longer need to be tracked for one (1) year, regardless of the type of implant.

**Q** Are we supposed to submit data to the NHSN?

**A** Reporting to the NHSN may be required by your state. Currently CO, MA, NV, NH, NJ, TX, and MO require reporting but it is important to always stay current with the requirements in case this changes. Go to <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/state-based/> for State-based HAI prevention.

**Q** Does the statement about postop infection surveillance for up to 90 days refer to after discovery of an infection? Is it sufficient to check with our surgeons at one month or do we need to ask them again at 3 months postop?

**A** 90-day surveillance would be begin after the procedure, not after discovery of the infection. See Table 1 on the next page for the procedures that require 90-day surveillance. If procedures you perform are not listed, then 30-day surveillance should be done.

**Q** Is a cataract incision considered to be a superficial or deep incision?

**A** Go to [www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ambulatory-surgery/ssi/](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ambulatory-surgery/ssi/), under Protocols and click on Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Event. This document contains the definitions of superficial, deep and organ space SSIs.

## Procedures that require 90-day surveillance

**Table 1. NHSN Operative Procedure Category Mapping to CPT Codes with Required Follow-up Period for Deep Incisional and Organ/Space SSIs; the Required Follow-up Period is 30 days for all Superficial SSIs.**

Legacy Code	NHSN Operative Procedure Category	CPT Codes	Required follow-up period for Deep Incisional and Organ/Space SSI	Required follow-up period for Superficial SSI
BRST	Breast surgery	19101, 19112, 19120, 19125, 19126, 19300, 19301, 19302, 19303, 19304, 19305, 19306, 19307, 19316, 19318, 19324, 19350, 19355, 19357, 19361, 19364, 19366, 19367, 19368, 19369, 19370, 19371, 19380	90 days	30 days
CHOL	Gallbladder surgery	47480, 47562, 47563, 47564, 47600, 47605, 47610, 47612, 47620	30 days	30 days
COLO	Colon surgery	44140, 44141, 44143, 44144, 44145, 44146, 44150, 44151, 44160, 44204, 44205, 44206, 44207, 44208, 44210	30 days	30 days
FX	Open reduction of fracture	23615, 23616, 23630, 23670, 23680, 24515, 24516, 24538, 24545, 24546, 24575, 24579, 24586, 24587, 24635, 24665, 24666, 24685, 25337, 25515, 25525, 25526, 25545, 25574, 25575, 25607, 25608, 25609, 25652, 27236, 27244, 27245, 27248, 27254, 27269, 27283, 27506, 27507, 27511, 27513, 27514, 27535, 27536, 27540, 27758, 27759, 27766, 27769, 27784, 27792, 27814, 27822, 27826, 27827, 27828	90 days	30 days
HER	Herniorrhaphy	49491, 49492, 49495, 49496, 49500, 49501, 49505, 49507, 49520, 49521, 49525, 49550, 49553, 49555, 49557, 49560, 49561, 49565, 49566, 49568, 49570, 49572, 49580, 49582, 49585, 49587, 49590, 49650, 49651, 49652, 49653, 49654, 49655, 49656, 49657, 49659, 55540	90 days	30 days
HPRO	Arthroplasty of hip	27125, 27130, 27132, 27134, 27137, 27138, 27236, 27299	90 days	30 days

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HYST	Abdominal hysterectomy	58150, 58152, 58180, 58200, 58210, 58541, 57542, 58543, 58544, 58548, 58570, 58571, 58572, 58573, 58951, 58953, 58954, 58956	30 days	30 days
KPRO	Arthroplasty of knee	27438, 27440, 27441, 27442, 27443, 27445, 27446, 27447, 27486, 27487	90 days	30 days
LAM	Laminectomy	Under review	30 days	30 days
VHYS	Vaginal hysterectomy	Under review	30 days	30 days

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