Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Surveillance

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Objectives

Upon completion of the program, participant will be able to...

- Identify methodology used for SSI data collection
- Identify SSI surveillance changes for 2014
- Complete a Denominator for Procedure record and SSI form using the 2014 CDC definitions and link SSI to Denominator for Procedure record
- Apply NHSN SSI definitions to patient case studies

All objectives will be reviewed within the context of 2014 NHSN updates.
NHSN Website
www.cdc.gov/nhsn/
Resources for SSI Surveillance

Data Collection Forms

- **57.120 Surgical Site Infection (SSI)**
  - [PDF - 119 KB] January 2014
  - Table of instructions [PDF - 82 KB]
  - Customizable form [DOC - 59 KB]

- **57.121 Denominator for Procedure**
  - [PDF - 55 KB] January 2014
  - Table of instructions [PDF - 78 KB]
  - Customizable form [DOC - 45 KB]

- **57.122 Denominator for Custom Procedure**
  - [PDF - 42 KB] January 2013
  - Customizable form [Doc - 91 KB] January 2013

- **57.103 Patient Safety Component—Annual Facility Survey form**
  - [PDF - 75 KB] January 2014
  - Table of instructions [PDF - 86 KB]

- **57.106 Patient Safety Monthly Reporting Plan form**
  - [PDF - 66 KB] January 2014
  - Table of instructions [PDF - 86 KB]
  - Customizable form [DOC - 36 KB]
Resources for SSI Surveillance

**CMS Supporting Materials**

- Healthcare Facility HAI Reporting Requirements to CMS via NHSN Current and Proposed Requirements  
  [PDF - 119 KB] December 2013
- Reporting Requirements and Deadlines in NHSN per CMS Current Rules [PDF - 154 KB] December 2013
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
- CMS’ Hospital Compare tool
- Operational Guidance for Reporting Surgical Site Infection Data to CDC’s NHSN for the Purpose of Fulfilling CMS’s Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program Requirements [PDF - 177 KB] August 2012
- How to Report No Procedure or SSI Events for the CMS Inpatient Quality Reporting Program [PDF - 182 KB] June 2012
- Helpful Tips for SSI Reporting for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program (CMS Reporting Program) [PDF - 294 KB] September 2012
- Using the "SIR- Complex 30-Day SSI Data for CMS IPPS" Output Option [PDF - 316 KB] September 2012
# CMS Reporting via NHSN – Current Requirements

## Healthcare Facility HAI Reporting Requirements to CMS via NHSN--Current Requirements

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Supporting Materials

- CDC Location Labels and Location Descriptions  
  [PDF - 379 KB] January 2014
- NHSN Key Terms  
  [PDF - 228 KB] January 2014
- CDC/NHSN Surveillance Definitions for Specific Types of Infections  
  [PDF - 607 KB] January 2014
- ICD9-CM Procedure Code Mapping to NHSN Operative Procedure Categories  
- ICD-9 Mapping Tool for HPRO and KPRO  
  [PDF - 71KB] February 2014
  This is an update to the Mapping Tool guidance that was sent out last week for those NHSN users who are following HPRO – hip Arthroplasty and KPRO – Knee Arthroplasty in their monthly surveillance plan. We realized there is a defect in the NHSN system that will cause an error message with the mapping tool we provided. This update addresses how to work around this issue.
- NHSN Organisms Lists (All Organisms, Top Organisms, Common Commensals, MBI Organisms, & Uropathogens)  
  [XLS - 223 KB] January 2014
- Current Patient Safety Procedure Data Import File Specifications  
  [PDF - 215 KB] January 2014
- Current Sample Procedure Import File  
  [XLSX - 15 KB] January 2014
# ICD-9 Mapping

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- **No longer in use**
- **NHSN Procedure**
- **Invalid Code**
- **Not an NSHN operative procedure**
Resources for SSI Surveillance

• Interactive Training Courses:

Surveillance for Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Events

Resources for NHSN Users Already Enrolled

Training

- SSI Training
- Introduction to Procedure-associated Module Training

On this Page

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Monthly Reporting Plan

• Plans are the roadmap to your data
• Only data included in Plans will be used by CDC in aggregate data analysis (i.e., only “in-Plan” data)
• Plans drive much of the business logic of the NHSN application
• Must have one for every month of the year
Monthly Reporting Plan

View Monthly Reporting Plan

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SSI - Active Surveillance Methods

- Determine which surgical patients you will monitor
- Review admission, readmission, ED, and OR logs
- Review patient charts for signs and symptoms of SSI, risk factors
- Review lab, X-ray, other diagnostic test reports
- Review nurses and physician notes
- Visit the ICU and wards – talk to primary care staff
Post-discharge SSI
Surveillance Methods

• Surgeon and/or patient surveys by mail or phone
  – Develop a tool that includes the SSI and most common specific infection site criteria for the operative procedures being monitored
  – Train surgeons and their office staff

• Review of postoperative clinic records

Criteria must be met regardless of where the SSI is detected!
SSI Surveillance

Forms

Denominator data are collected using this form.

SSI data are collected using this form.
KEY TERMS
Why all these SSI changes in 2013 and 2014?

• HICPAC SSI working group that met for over a year and a half at CDC (surgeons, IP, AORN, CDC, NHSN etc…)
• Goal to harmonize NHSN SSI definitions with those of other surgical professional organizations.
• Changes were based on input from 4 surgical professional organizations
  – ACS – American College of Surgeons
  – STS – Society of Thoracic Surgeons
  – ACOG- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
  – AAOS – American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
Present on Admission

Present on Admission (POA) Infections

To standardize the classification of an infection as either present on admission (POA) or a healthcare-associated infection (HAI), the following objective surveillance criteria have been adopted. Remember, this classification should not be applied to SSI, VAE, or LabID Events.

- From “Identifying HAIs” Chapter 2 of NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual
HAI - Healthcare-associated Infection

For the purposes of NHSN surveillance in the acute care setting, a healthcare-associated infection (HAI) is a localized or systemic condition resulting from an adverse reaction to the presence of an infectious agent(s) or its toxin(s) that was not present during admission to the acute care facility. The HAI definition is not to be used in the SSI, VAE, or LabID Event protocols. An HAI is considered if all elements of a CDC/NHSN site-specific infection criterion were not present during the POA time period but were subsequently present on or after the 3rd calendar day of admission to the fact (or the patient’s date of birth if that is calendar day 1). All elements used in the infection criterion must occur within a single day that does not have a gap of 1 calendar day between any of the present elements. The definition of a gap day is a calendar day during which no infection criterion elements are present.

From “Identifying HAIs” Chapter 2 of NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual
An NHSN operative procedure is a procedure
• that is included in Table 1
  and
• takes place during an operation where at least one incision (including laparoscopic approach) is made through the skin or mucous membrane, or reoperation via an incision that was left open during a prior operative procedure
  and
• takes place in an operating room [OR], defined as a patient care area that met the Facilities Guidelines Institute’s (FGI) or American Institute of Architects’ (AIA) criteria for an operating room when it was constructed or renovated [9]. This may include an operating room, C-section room, interventional radiology room, or a cardiac catheterization lab.
Incisional Closure Method

As of 2014, incisional closure is NO LONGER a part of the NHSN operative procedure definition; all otherwise eligible procedures are included, regardless of closure type.
Q: Why are both primary closures as well as non-primary closures now collected as part of the denominator data that is being sent to NHSN for surgical procedures that are followed in a facility’s surveillance plan?

A: Non-primary closures are common and the previous definition was not representative of this surgical practice. Therefore, it is important to collect data on these procedures and related infections to gain a comprehensive picture of surgical risk factors in order to effectively guide prevention needs.
Primary Closure

- Primary closure is defined as closure of all tissue levels during the original surgery, regardless of the presence of wires, wicks, drains, or other devices or objects extruding through the incision. This category includes surgeries where the skin is closed by some means, including incisions that are described as being “loosely closed” at the skin level. Thus, if any portion of the incision is closed at the skin level, by any manner, a designation of primary closure should be assigned to the surgery.
Non-primary Closure

Non-primary Closure is defined as closure that is other than primary and includes surgeries in which the superficial layers are left completely open during the original surgery and therefore cannot be classified as having primary closure. For surgeries with non-primary closure, the deep tissue layers may be closed by some means (with the superficial layers left open), or the deep and superficial layers may both be left completely open. An example of a surgery with non-primary closure would be a laparotomy in which the incision was closed to the level of the deep tissue layers, sometimes called “fascial layers” or “deep fascia,” but the superficial layers are left open. Another example would be an “open abdomen” case in which the abdomen is left completely open after the surgery. If the deep fascial levels of an incision are left open but the skin is closed, this is considered a non-primary closure since the incision was not closed at all tissue levels. Wounds that are “closed secondarily” at some later date, or described as “healing by secondary intention” should also be classified as having non-primary closure. Wounds with non-primary closure may or may not be described as "packed" with gauze or other material, and may or may not be covered with plastic, “wound vacs,” or other synthetic devices or materials.
Q: If a patient underwent an NHSN operative procedure with non-primary closure and subsequently this patient develops a surgical site infection from that operative procedure, must we include this case as an SSI in the numerator?

A: Yes, that procedure is in your denominator data and if the patient develops an SSI that meets criteria within the surveillance period it will be entered into your denominator data. It will be linked to the procedure that you have already noted in the denominator for procedure form was an open procedure.

NOTE: The SIR for 2014 will only use the primarily closed procedures and the SSIs attributable to them. In 2014 CMS will only be sent data for procedures that were closed primarily.
Correction for “Key Terms” and “Table of Instructions”

| Non-primary closure | Closure that is other than primary and includes surgeries in which the superficial layers are left completely open during the original surgery and therefore cannot be classified as having primary closure. For surgeries with non-primary closure, the deep tissue layers may be closed by some means (with the superficial layers left open), or the deep and superficial layers may both be left completely open. In such cases, any subsequent infection would not be considered an SSI, although it may be an HAI if it meets criteria for another specific infection site (e.g., skin or soft tissue infection). An example of a surgery with non-primary closure would be a laparotomy in which the incision was closed to the level of the deep tissue. |

This was the 2013 definition of a non-primary closure and should have been updated. The definition in the SSI Protocol is correct and this has been corrected on the website.
Non-Primary Closure may Include

- Superficial layers (skin) left completely open
- Deep may be closed by some means (partially) with superficial left open
- Deep and superficial left completely open
- Fascial layers or deep fascia closed with skin left open
- Open abdomen
- Deep fascial levels left open with skin closed
- Plans to be closed (secondarily) at a later date
- Surgical incision is expected to heal by secondary intention
  - May or may not have wound vacs or packing
  - May also have wires wicks or drains

Primary Closure may Include

- Closure at all levels of tissue (fascia is closed)
- Any portion at skin level is closed, if the fascia has been closed even if partially it should be considered primarily closed
  - Loosely closed at skin level
  - Left open at bottom for drainage purposes
- May have wires wicks or drains
- May have packing
- May have wound VAC
Wound Closure Examples

Primary Closure

Closure other than primary
Packing and wound VACs

Closure other than primary
Closure Technique Field

In the past only incisions that were closed primarily should have been sent to NHSN
Incisional Closure – Workaround for 2014

- Although all SSI data fields are built into the NHSN application scheduled for release in 2014, CDC has decided to provide interim guidance for reporting diabetes and incisional closure type, which may be particularly burdensome for some NHSN users.

Information about a patient’s incisional closure type should be available in the operative report. However, we are aware that in many facilities the incisional closure type may not be a standard element in the perioperative record. The interim method for data entry by NHSN users who lack time or resources to capture this information in 2014 is as follows: continue to report the procedure denominators exactly as you were doing for 2013. Further, we ask that for each SSI identified, a thorough evaluation be conducted to determine if the linked procedure was a primary closure or non-primary closure and update the procedure record (as non-primary closure) if necessary. From feedback we have gathered, this is likely the method most similar to the current practice, which has not been accurately removing all non-primarily closed procedures, but will at least allow NHSN to identify the SSIs linked to primarily closed procedures. We anticipate that this will not cause any large shift in the 2014 data used for inter-facility comparison.

NOTE: From guidance sent in a November 2013 NHSN Newsletter
Case 1

• A patient is admitted with a ruptured diverticulum and a COLO procedure is performed in the inpatient OR.
• Case is entered as a wound class 3
• Specimen is obtained in the OR which later returns (+) for *E. coli*
• Surgeon staples closed the incision at 4 locations with packing placed between the staples.
Is this procedure primarily closed for 2014?

1. Yes
2. No
Case 1 - Rationale

• The skin is closed at some points along the incision.

Thus, if any portion of the incision is closed at the skin level, by any manner, a designation of primary closure should be assigned to the surgery.
If you are following COLO in your monthly reporting plan should this case be entered into your denominator data?

1. Yes
2. No
Case 2

- A patient is admitted with an acute abdomen
- Taken to OR for open appendectomy for suspected ruptured appendix
- Case is a wound class 3
- Surgeon does not close the incision leaves it open, with a wound vac, to heal by secondary intention
Is this procedure primarily closed for 2014?

1. Yes

✓ 2. No
Case 2 - Rationale

- The incision was left completely open.

Non-primary Closure is defined as closure that is other than primary and includes surgeries in which the superficial layers are left completely open during the original surgery and therefore cannot be classified as having primary closure.
If you are following APPY in your monthly reporting plan should this procedure be entered into your denominator data?

1. Yes
2. No, it is a contaminated case
Case 2 - Rationale

- Wound class is not a part of the NHSN operative procedure definition. A high wound class is not an exclusion for reporting in denominator data. All procedures that meet the NHSN definition of an operative procedure should be reported if they are part of the facility’s reporting plan.
Case 2 - continued

- Patient readmitted 2 weeks later (POD 21) and has fever, abdominal pain, and CT evidence of two intraabdominal abscesses. CT guided drainage of 100 CCs of purulent drainage.

- Drainage is culture (+) for *E. coli* and *B. fragilis*

- Patient meets criteria for an organ space GI-IAB SSI
Because this was a contaminated case this infection should **not** be reported to NHSN as attributable to the APPY procedure.

1. True
2. False
Case 2 - Rationale

- As of 2014, incisional closure is NO LONGER a part of the NHSN operative procedure definition; all otherwise eligible procedures are included, regardless of closure type. Any subsequent infections that meet criteria for an SSI during the surveillance period should be reported and linked to the open procedure.
Duration of Operative Procedure

The interval in hours and minutes between the Procedure/Surgery Start Time, and the Procedure/Surgery Finish Time, as defined by the Association of Anesthesia Clinical Directors (AACD):

• Procedure/Surgery Start Time (PST): Time when the procedure is begun (e.g., incision for a surgical procedure).
• Procedure/Surgery Finish (PF): Time when all instrument and sponge counts are completed and verified as correct, all postoperative radiologic studies to be done in the OR are completed, all dressings and drains are secured, and the physicians/surgeons have completed all procedure-related activities on the patient.
Height and Weight for all procedures in monthly reporting plan

**Height:** The patient’s most recent height documented in the medical record in feet (ft.) and inches (in), or meters (m)

**Weight:** The patient’s most recent weight documented in the medical record in pounds (lbs) or kilograms (kg) prior to or otherwise closest to the procedure
Diabetes

The NHSN, SSI surveillance definition of diabetes indicates that the patient has a diagnosis of diabetes requiring management with insulin or a non-insulin anti-diabetic agent. This includes patients with “insulin resistance” who are on management with anti-diabetic agents. This also includes patients with a diagnosis of diabetes who are noncompliant with their diabetes medications. The NHSN definition excludes patients with no diagnosis of diabetes, or a diagnosis of diabetes that is controlled by diet alone. The definition excludes patients who receive insulin for perioperative control of hyperglycemia but have no diagnosis of diabetes.
Diabetes – Workaround

NHSN is aware that in many facilities the diabetes status that meets this definition may not be a standard element in medical record or perioperative record. The interim method for data entry by NHSN users who lack time or resources to capture this information in 2014 is as follows: default to “N” value for all patients until a system is in place to identify and report this information.

NOTE: NHSN has gotten a lot of feedback from users that this definition needs to be code based and we are in discussion about that now for a possible change in 2015.
Rationale for capturing height, weight, and diabetes status for all procedures

- Diabetes and obesity (determined from BMI calculated (within application) using height and weight) are known risk factors for the development of a surgical site infection. Therefore, these data will provide for more accurate risk adjustment in the NHSN SIR calculation.

- This new risk adjusted data will first be available for analysis in 2016
Key Term: NHSN Inpatient for SSI

A patient whose date of admission to the healthcare facility and the date of discharge are *different* calendar days.
Key Term: NHSN  SSI Outpatient

A patient whose date of admission to the healthcare facility and the date of discharge are the *same* day.
Key Term: Operating Room

- A patient care area that met the Facilities Guidelines Institute or American Institute of Architects’ criteria for an operating room when it was constructed or renovated.
- May include:
  - Traditional operating room
  - C-section room
  - Interventional radiology room
  - Cardiac catheterization lab
NHSN Operative Procedure Codes

Each NHSN operative procedure category is defined by a group of ICD-9-CM procedure codes

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<td>Abdominal hysterectomy</td>
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When an NHSN Operative Procedure is selected for monitoring, all the procedures within that category must be followed.

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<td>Appendix surgery</td>
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<td>Shunt for dialysis</td>
<td>Arteriovenostomy for renal dialysis</td>
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Completing the Denominator for Procedure Information Form
Denominator Data

- The collection period is one month.
- Complete a Denominator for Procedure record for every operation meeting the NHSN operative procedure definition that was done during that month if it is in your Monthly Reporting Plan.
- Submit data within a month of the end of this period.
For example, if your Monthly Reporting Plan indicates that you will monitor COLO procedures in January, and 43 COLO were done that month, then you should enter / import 43 separate COLO procedure records into NHSN by the end of February.
### Denominator for Procedure

Patient Information: Patient ID, Gender, and Date of Birth are required

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The NHSN Procedure Code and the Date of Procedure must be entered. The ICD-9-CM code is optional.
If you enter the ICD-9 code first, the NHSN procedure code will be automatically populated.
Procedure Details – Outpatient and Duration

**Outpatient:** Required. If admission and discharge dates are the same calendar days Yes; otherwise, select No.

**Duration:** Required. Record the PST and PF.
Important Note

• In Chapter 9, the Reporting Instructions in the Denominator Data section and the Table of Instructions provide important guidance on the many nuances of how to report the number of operative procedure records and their details in a variety of situations.
• The examples shown in this presentation are only some of them.
• Please read and follow all of the instructions carefully!
New Reporting Instructions

• **Incidental appendectomy - reporting instruction change:** Any appendectomy (APPY) should be reported regardless of whether it is incidental.

• **XLAP – reporting instruction change:** Any exploratory laparotomy (XLAP) should be reported regardless of whether it results in a procedure from another category being performed.
Reporting Instructions

• Some operative procedures have more than one incision
  – CBGB, and certain operations in the CEA, FUSN, RFUSN, and PVBY categories
  – Example: CBGB in which an incision to harvest a donor vessel is made that is separate from the primary incision
  – Example: FUSN with both anterior and posterior approaches

• Complete only one *Denominator for Procedure* form
  – Record the duration as time from procedure start time to procedure finish time for the entire procedure
Reporting Instruction

• If procedures in more than one NHSN operative procedure category are done through the same incision during the same trip to the OR, create a record for each procedure that you are monitoring in the Monthly Reporting Plan, and use the total time for the duration for each record.

Example: Patient had a coronary artery bypass graft with a chest incision only (CBGC) and also a mitral valve replacement (CARD). The time from PST to PF was 5 hours. A Denominator for form is completed for the CBGC and another for the CARD, indicating the duration as 5 hours and 0 minutes on each form.
Reporting Instruction

• EXCEPTION: If a patient has both a CBGC and a CBGB during the same trip to the OR, report only as a CBGB.

Example: Patient was scheduled to have a coronary artery bypass graft with a chest incision only (CBGC), however during the procedure it became necessary to harvest a vessel from the leg. Even though an ICD-9-CM procedure code for a CBGC and a CBGB will be assigned by coders, only complete a CBGB Denominator for Procedure form. The time from PST to the PF time reported for the duration of the procedure.
Reporting Instruction

• If the patient goes to the OR more than once during the same admission and another procedure of the same or different NHSN operative procedure category is performed through the same incision within 24 hours of the end of the original procedure, report only one *Denominator for Procedure* form for the original procedure combining the durations for both procedures.

Example: Patient had colon surgery (COLO) performed on Tuesday morning which had a duration of 3 hours and 10 minutes. On Tuesday evening, he was returned to the OR where the COLO incision was opened to repair a bleeding vessel (OTH). The duration of the second procedure was 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Report only one COLO with a combined duration of 4 hours and 20 minutes. Do not report an OTH record.
Apply this guidance when a patient goes back to the OR within 24 hours of the first procedure

- **NOTE:** Assign the surgical wound closure that applies when the patient leaves the OR from the principal operative procedure. This instruction should be followed in scenarios where a patient leaves the OR with non-primary closure, but returns to the OR for a subsequent procedure that results in primary closure of the procedure.
Case 3

• A patient had a COLO and a HYST through a single incision during a single trip to the OR. Both of these procedures are in the monthly reporting plan.
  – Incision at 0823 and PF time is 1133
  – Note that the HYST part of procedure began at 1000
Which statement is true?

1. Only the COLO should be reported since it is higher on the priority list.

2. Two separate procedures should be reported: COLO with a duration of 1 hr. 37 min and HYST with a duration of 1 hr. 33 min

3. Two separate procedures should be reported one for COLO and one for HYST, each with a duration of 3 hrs. 10 min.
Case 3 - Rationale

Duration of the procedure when more than one category of NHSN operative procedure is done through the same incision: If more than one NHSN operative procedure category is performed through the same incision during the same trip to the operating room, record the combined duration of all procedures, which is the time from procedure/surgery start time to procedure/surgery finish time. For example, if a CBGC and a CARD are performed on a patient during the same trip to the operating room, the time from start time to finish time is reported for both operative procedures.

SSI Chapter : Denominator Data Reporting Instructions
Additional Information

• Because of bleeding during surgery, a drain was placed in the abdominal incision. The incision was then loosely closed.
Does this incision meet criteria for primary closure in 2014?

1. Yes
2. No
Case 3 - Rationale

- Primary closure is defined as closure of all tissue levels during the original surgery, regardless of the presence of wires, wicks, drains, or other devices or objects extruding through the incision. This category includes surgeries where the skin is closed by some means, including incisions that are described as being “loosely closed” at the skin level. Thus, if any portion of the incision is closed at the skin level, by any manner, a designation of primary closure should be assigned to the surgery.

SSI Protocol : Definition of Primary Closure
Reporting Instruction: Bilateral Procedures

• For procedures that are performed bilaterally during the same trip to the OR (e.g., KPRO), two separate Denominator for Procedure forms are completed.

To document the duration of the procedure, indicate the PST to PF time for each procedure separately or, alternatively, take the total time for both procedures and split it evenly between the two.
Case 4

- A patient had bilateral knee prostheses (KPRO) implanted during a single trip to the OR.
  - Left KPRO PST at 8:30 a.m. there was no note of finish time for this knee
  - Right KPRO PF time was 11:30 a.m.
Which statement is correct?

1. One KPRO procedure should be reported with a combined duration of 3 hrs. 0 min.

2. Two separate KPRO procedures should be reported, each with a duration of 1 hr. 30 min.

3. Two separate KPRO should be entered, each with a duration of 3 hrs. 0 min.
Case 4 - Rationale

• For bilateral operative procedures (e.g., KPRO), two separate Denominator for Procedure (CDC 57.121) records are completed. To document the duration of the procedure, indicate the PST to PF time for each procedure separately or, alternatively, take the total time for both procedures and split it evenly between the two.

SSI Chapter : Denominator Data Reporting Instructions
Reporting Instructions

• There are *new and updated* Reporting Instructions for your use in the SSI Protocol
  – SSI Event Reporting Instructions begin on p. 9-15
  – Denominator Reporting Instructions begin on p. 9-19
Procedure Details – Wound Class

Wound class is an assessment of the likelihood and degree of contamination of a surgical wound at the time of the operation.

- It should be assigned by a person directly involved in performing the operation; rarely by the IP.

- **Clean (C)**
- **Clean – Contaminated (CC)**
- **Contaminated (CO)**
- **Dirty or Infected (D)**

Unknown has been removed as a choice.
Wound Class

**Clean**: An uninfected operative wound in which no inflammation is encountered and the respiratory, alimentary, genital, or uninfected urinary tracts are not entered. In addition, clean wounds are primarily closed and, if necessary, drained with closed drainage. Operative incisional wounds that follow nonpenetrating (blunt) trauma should be included in this category if they meet the criteria.

**NHSN NOTE**: The clean wound classification level will not be available for denominator data entry for the following NHSN operative procedure categories: APPY, BILI, CHOL, COLO, REC, SB, and VHYS
Wound Class

Clean-Contaminated: Operative wounds in which the respiratory, alimentary, genital, or urinary tracts are entered under controlled conditions and without unusual contamination. Specifically, operations involving the biliary tract, appendix, vagina, and oropharynx are included in this category, provided no evidence of infection or major break in technique is encountered.

NOTE: The asterisk next to the word genital was removed in 2014. In 2013 it had stated that genital should include the female and male reproductive tracts.
Wound Class

*Contaminated*: Open, fresh, accidental wounds. In addition, operations with major breaks in sterile technique (e.g., open cardiac massage) or gross spillage from the gastrointestinal tract, and incisions in which acute, nonpurulent inflammation is encountered including necrotic tissue without evidence of purulent drainage (e.g., dry gangrene) are included in this category.

*Dirty or Infected*: Includes old traumatic wounds with retained devitalized tissue and those that involve existing clinical infection or perforated viscera. This definition suggests that the organisms causing postoperative infection were present in the operative field before the operation.
Procedures that can never be coded as clean wound class

The procedures that can never be entered as clean are: APPY, BILI, CHOL, COLO, REC, SB and VHYS. In the application clean is not on the drop down menu.

Based on that a CSEC, HYST, or OVRY can be a clean wound class based on the particular events and findings of an individual case.

Wound class should be set by someone who is part of the surgical team based on the findings of each specific case.
Procedure Details – General Anesthesia

General Anesthesia: Required.
The administration of drugs or gases that enter the general circulation and affect the central nervous system to render the patient pain-free, amnesic, unconscious, and often paralyzed with relaxed muscles.
### ASA Score

An assessment score by the anesthesiologist of the patient’s preoperative physical condition using the American Society of Anesthesiologists’ Classification of Physical Status schema.

**ASA Score:** Required.
ASA Score

• Required only for inpatient procedures

1. A normally healthy patient
2. A patient with mild systemic disease
3. A patient with severe systemic disease
4. A patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life
5. A moribund patient who is not expected to survive without the operation.

NOTE: Do NOT report procedures with an ASA physical status of 6 (a declared brain-dead patient whose organs are being removed for donor purposes) to NHSN.
**Procedure Details – Emergency**

Emergency:
Select Yes if a nonelective, unscheduled operative procedure otherwise, select No. Emergency operative procedures are those that do not allow for the standard immediate preoperative preparation normally done within the facility for a scheduled operation (e.g., stable vital signs, adequate antiseptic skin preparation, colon decontamination in advance of colon surgery, etc.).

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**Trauma: Required.** If this operation was done because of a recent blunt or penetrating trauma, select Yes.
## Procedure Details – Scope

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**Diabetes: Required.**
See definition in SSI protocol
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*Height and Weight: Required.*
Enter height in feet and inches or meters.
Enter weight in pound or kilograms.
The application calculates the BMI automatically.
Procedure Details – Closure technique

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Procedure Details – Surgeon Code

If more than one surgeon performed the operation, enter the code for the surgeon who was primarily responsible for the case. Surgeon code teams may be created.

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Additional Fields
Required for Specific Procedures
Additional Fields for Specific Procedures

• There are 5 procedures for which additional risk factors are collected:
  – Cesarean Section – CSEC
  – Spinal Fusion and Refusion – FUSN; RFUSN
  – Hip Arthroplasty – HPRO
  – Knee Arthroplasty – KPRO

When any of the above procedures are included in the *Monthly Reporting Plan*, the corresponding additional fields must be completed.
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**CSEC:** *Duration of Labor: _____ hours*
Reporting Instruction: Labor

- Length of time from beginning of active labor as an inpatient to delivery of the infant, expressed in hours (if ≤30 min, round down; >30 min, round up)
- No labor, hours = 0
- Check for documentation in chart
- May be defined by your hospital’s policies and procedures but should reflect the onset of regular contractions or induction that leads to delivery during this admission
Fusion (FUSN) and Refusion (RFUSN)

Select whether the procedure was FUSN or RFUSN

Circle one: FUSN  RFUSN

*Spinal Level (check one)
- □ Atlas-axis
- □ Atlas-axis/Cervical
- □ Cervical
- □ Cervical/Dorsal/Dorsolumbar
- X Dorsal/Dorsolumbar
- □ Lumbar/Lumbosacral

Select the approach used in the procedure

Lateral transverse and unspecified were removed. Transoral was added.

*Approach/Technique (check one)
- □ Anterior
- X Posterior
- □ Anterior and Posterior
- □ Transoral

Check the appropriate spinal level
If the procedure is an HPRO or KPRO, indicate here which type of HPRO or KPRO was performed.
HPRO

- Total -> Total Primary – both acetabulum and femoral head replaced; plastic liner between the two if not metal-on-metal
- Total -> Total Revision – all components revised
- Total -> Partial Revision – only one or 2 of the components is revised (the second component probably being the liner)
- Hemi -> Partial Primary – only femoral head replaced
- Hemi -> Partial Revision – take out the femoral component and revise it with another femoral component
- Resurfacing -> Total Primary – both femoral and acetabular surfaces replaced
- Resurfacing -> Partial Primary – most likely only femoral surface replaced

Total hip: http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/topic.cfm?topic=a00377
Hip hemiarthroplasty: http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/topic.cfm?topic=A00392
Hip resurfacing: http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/topic.cfm?topic=A00586
KPRO

• Total -> Total Primary – distal femur, proximal tibia and patellar surfaces replaced; plastic liner “spacer” between femoral and tibial component
• Total -> Total Revision – all components revised
• Total -> Partial Revision – only one or two of the components revised (the second component probably being the liner)
• Hemi -> distal femur, proximal tibia and plastic liner replaced for HALF the knee (only the affected side)
• Hemi -> Partial Revision - only one or two of the components revised (the second component probably being the liner)
• Hemi -> Total Revision – all components revised

Total Knee: http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/topic.cfm?topic=A00389
ICD - 9 - CM KPRO Mapping

The NHSN Denominator for Procedure form will collect additional detailed information about HPRO and KPRO procedures that are conducted in 2014. Unfortunately, manual chart review or direct entry in the OR data base would be required to correctly specify all of the available HPRO and KPRO fields, due to the lack of specificity of ICD-9-CM codes. Therefore for facilities that don’t have this capability, NHSN is providing a mapping to these HPRO and KPRO fields based on ICD-9-CM codes that should be used during 2014

81.54: KPRO -> Total -> Total Primary
81.55: KPRO -> Total -> Total Revision
00.80: KPRO -> Total -> Total Revision
00.81-00.84: KPRO -> Hemi -> Partial Revision
ICD – 9 HPRO Mapping

81.51: HPRO -> Total -> Total Primary
81.52: HPRO -> Hemi -> Partial Primary
81.53: HPRO -> Total -> Total Revision
00.70: HPRO -> Total -> Total Revision
00.71-00.73: HPRO -> HEMI -> Partial Revision
00.85: HPRO -> Resurfacing -> Total Primary
00.86-00.87: HPRO -> Resurfacing -> Partial Primary

NOTE: Due to a defect that must be corrected in the NHSN system, two ICD-9 codes (00.71 and 00.73) will be rejected at this time if they are entered using the guidance provided below. As a workaround, for procedures with ICD-9 codes of 00.71 and 00.73, you must leave the optional ICD-9 code field BLANK on the procedure data entry screen or in your CSV/CDA import file and only enter the required “type of HPRO” fields (Hemi, Partial Revision).
## Summary

- Complete and enter or import a **Denominator for Procedure** record for every NHSN operative procedure performed that is selected for surveillance.

- Use the SSI Protocol, Tables of Instructions, and Key Terms chapters of the Patient Safety Manual for guidance.
Linking Procedures
Denominator for Procedure and SSI records must be LINKED so that the correct risk factor data are matched to the SSI for a given patient.
Linking Procedure and SSI Event

1. Enter the Denominator for Procedure record

2. Enter the SSI record

3. Link the two records
When SSI is selected from the Event Type field, the link button automatically appears on the screen and message indicates that the event is not linked. Click on the button. Don’t need to enter the procedure data.

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_Event is not Linked_
A new screen appears listing all the operative procedures this patient has had.

Check the box next to the appropriate procedure, and click on the “Link/Unlink” button.
After linking an SSI to its corresponding procedure, the remainder of the SSI form must still be completed and the record saved for linking to occur.
After clicking SAVE...

All data are linked together
Definitions of Surgical Site Infections

Superficial Incisional SSI

Infection occurs within 30 days after any NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date), including those coded as ‘OTH’* and involves only skin and subcutaneous tissue of the incision and patient has at least one of the following: a. purulent drainage from the superficial incision. b. organisms isolated from an aseptically-obtained culture of fluid or tissue from the superficial incision. c. superficial incision that is deliberately opened by a surgeon, attending physician** or other designee and is culture positive or not cultured and patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: pain or tenderness; localized swelling; redness; or heat. A culture negative finding does not meet this criterion. d. diagnosis of a superficial incisional SSI by the surgeon or attending physician** or other designee.
Multiple tissue levels are involved in the infection: The type of SSI (superficial incisional, deep incisional, or organ/space) reported should reflect the deepest tissue layer involved in the infection:

a) Report infection that involves the organ/space as an organ/space SSI, whether or not it also involves the superficial or deep incision sites.

b) Report infection that involves the superficial and deep incisional sites as a deep incisional SSI.
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**NOTE:** Superficial incisional SSIs are only followed for a 30-day period for all procedure types.
Reporting Instructions

• Do not report a stitch abscess (minimal inflammation and discharge confined to the points of suture penetration) as a SSI.

• Do not report a localized stab wound or pin site infection as a SSI. While it would be considered either a skin (SKIN) or soft tissue (ST) infection, depending on its depth, it is not reportable under this module.

• Diagnosis of “cellulitis” by itself, does not meet criterion for superficial incisional SSI.
SIP and SIS

**Superficial incisional primary (SIP)**
A superficial incisional SSI that is identified in the primary incision in a patient that has had an operation with one or more incisions (e.g., C-section incision or chest incision for CBGB)

**Superficial incisional secondary (SIS)**
A superficial incisional SSI that is identified in the secondary incision in a patient that has had an operation with more than one incision (e.g., donor site incision for CBGB)
Patient delivers a baby by C-Section on August 23. On her first postpartum visit to her surgeon on September 20, she notes yellow purulent drainage in the superficial incision.

Does Gretchen have a surgical site infection? **Yes**

Is it a superficial SSI? **Yes**

Is it an SIP or an SIS? **SIP**
Example

Patient underwent a coronary artery bypass graft (CBGB) in which the surgeon obtained a donor vessel from a site in patients left leg.

5 days postoperatively, patient had pain and edema in the leg incision. The surgeon opened the superficial incision, drained the pus, and irrigated the wound.

Does Robert have a superficial incisional SSI? Yes

Is it a SIS or SIP? SIS
Case 5

• 2/18: 45-year-old male admitted and had a laparoscopic left hemicolecotomy, ICD-9-CM code 17.35 (COLO)
  – Three trocar sites were closed and the fourth site was used for placement of a JP drain.
• 2/24: Purulent drainage noted at one of the trocar sites. Culture obtained and was (+) for Enterobacter spp. and E. coli; patient started on antibiotics
Is this procedure primarily closed for 2014?

1. Yes
2. No
Case 5 - Rationale

• Surgeon is using the existing trocar site to place the JP drain rather than creating another stab wound for the same purpose.

• If there are multiple incisions, if one of them is primarily closed it is considered a closed procedure.
What should be reported to NHSN?

1. Nothing. The surgeon did not open the wound, so the criteria are not met.

2. Nothing. It is an SSI, but not an HAI.

✓ 3. SSI – SIP

4. SSI – DIP
Superficial Incisional SSI

- Infection occurs within 30 days after any NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date), including those coded as ‘OTH’*
- and
- involves only skin and subcutaneous tissue of the incision
- and
- patient has at least one of the following:
  - a. purulent drainage from the superficial incision.
  - b. organisms isolated from an aseptically-obtained culture of fluid or tissue from the superficial incision.
  - c. superficial incision that is deliberately opened by a surgeon, attending physician** or other designee and is culture positive or not cultured
  - and
  - patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: pain or tenderness; localized swelling; redness; or heat. A culture negative finding does not meet this criterion.
  - d. diagnosis of a superficial incisional SSI by the surgeon or attending physician** or other designee.
Case 6

- Patient has a total hip arthroplasty (HPRO) performed on 03/17 at Hospital A.
- Discharged from Hospital A on 3/19.
- Admitted to Hospital B on 3/25 with purulent drainage from the superficial incision.
- Further investigation concludes this is a superficial incisional SSI.

What should Hospital B do? Notify Hospital A about the SSI.
What should Hospital A do? Report the SSI to NHSN if it in their monthly reporting plan.

What if the infection met criteria on day postop day 35? Not an SSI; not reported.
Case 6 - Rationale

- SSIs are always associated with a particular operative procedure (through linking) and with the facility in which that operation was performed; in this case, that was Hospital A

- Superficial incisions are followed for only 30 days
Case 7

- 70 y.o. male patient admitted on 3/10/14 and underwent a hemi-colectomy (ICD 9 Code 17.39) and repair of an abdominal wall hernia (ICD 9 Code 53.59) via the same incision on day of admission. The incision was closed and a JP drain was placed via a stab wound in the LLQ.

- Patient discharged on 3/14/14.

- 3/17/14 patient arrives to ED with a red, painful incision and the incision is draining yellow foul smelling discharge from the superficial incision. Physician removes 2 staples and probes wound. The fascia is intact and only the subcutaneous tissue is involved. No cultures were obtained.

- Antibiotics ordered, wound packed and patient discharged home.
What should be reported to NHSN?

1. Nothing. The wound culture was negative, so the criteria are not met.
2. Nothing. He had 2 procedures so you don’t know which one caused the infection.
3. SSI – SIP attributable to the COLO
4. SSI – DIP attributable to the HERN
If more than one operation is done through a single incision…

First, attempt to determine the procedure that is thought to be associated with the infection.

Example: If the patient had a CBGC and CARD done at the same time and develops an infected valve, then the SSI will be linked to the CARD.

If it’s not clear (as in the case of a superficial incisional SSI), use the NHSN Principal Operative Procedure Selection Lists to select which operative procedure to report.
NHSN Principal Operative Procedure Category Selection Lists

• Five lists in Table 5
  – Abdominal operations
  – Thoracic operations
  – Neurosurgical (spine) operations
  – Neurosurgical (brain) operations
  – Neck operations

• Categories with the highest risk of SSI are listed before those with lower risks
Table 5. NHSN Principal Operative Procedure Category Selection Lists

The following lists are derived from the operative procedures listed in Table 1. The categories with the highest risk of SSI are listed before those with lower risks.

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Deep Incisional SSI

Infection occurs within 30 or 90 days after the NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date) according to the list in Table 3

and

involves deep soft tissues of the incision (e.g., fascial and muscle layers)

and

patient has at least one of the following:

a. purulent drainage from the deep incision.
b. a deep incision that spontaneously dehisces or is deliberately opened by a surgeon, attending physician** or other designee and is culture-positive or not cultured

and

patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever (>38°C); localized pain or tenderness. A culture-negative finding does not meet this criterion.
c. an abscess or other evidence of infection involving the deep incision that is detected on direct examination, during invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test.
DIP and DIS

Deep incisional primary (DIP)

Deep Incisional Primary (DIP) – a deep incisional SSI that is identified in a primary incision in a patient that has had an operation with one or more incisions (e.g., C-section incision or chest incision for CBGB)

Deep incisional secondary (DIS)

Deep Incisional Secondary (DIS) – a deep incisional SSI that is identified in the secondary incision in a patient that has had an operation with more than one incision (e.g., donor site incision for CBGB)
Case 8

- Patient is admitted to the hospital on 03/12 for elective surgery and active MRSA screening test is positive.
- On the same day, patient undergoes total abdominal hysterectomy (HYST).
- Postoperative course is unremarkable; patient discharged on 3/15.
- On 3/18, patient is readmitted with complaints of acute incisional pain since day before. Surgeon opens the wound and notes that the fascia was not intact and sends a specimen from the deep wound.
- On 3/20 culture results are positive for MRSA.
Is this an SSI?

1. Yes, meets criteria
2. No, patient was colonized with MRSA so this was POA
What infection should be reported?

1. SSI-SIP
2. SSI-SIS
3. **SSI-DIP**
4. SSI-DIS
5. SSI-IAB
Case 8 – Rationale
Deep Incisional SSI - Criterion b

Must meet the following criteria:
Infection occurs within 30 or 90 days after the NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date) according to the list in Table 3

and

involves deep soft tissues of the incision (e.g., fascial and muscle layers)

and

patient has at least one of the following:

a. purulent drainage from the deep incision.

b. a deep incision that spontaneously dehisces or is deliberately opened by a surgeon, attending physician** or other designee and is culture-positive or not cultured

and

patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever (>38°C); localized pain or tenderness. A culture-negative finding does not meet this criterion.

c. an abscess or other evidence of infection involving the deep incision that is detected on direct examination, during invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test.
Case 8 – different scenario

- Patient is admitted to the hospital on 03/12 for elective surgery and active MRSA screening test is positive.
- On the same day, patient undergoes total abdominal hysterectomy (HYST).
- Postoperative course is unremarkable; patient discharged on 3/15.
- On 3/18, patient is readmitted with complaints of acute incisional pain since day before. Surgeon opened the wound and clear serous drainage is found and notes that the fascia was not intact and sent a specimen from the deep wound.
- On 3/20 culture results are final and no growth.
What infection should be reported?

1. SSI-SIP
2. SSI-DIP
3. SSI-Organ space
4. Nothing – not an SSI
Case 8 – Rationale
Deep Incisional SSI - Criterion b

Must meet the following criteria:

Infection occurs within 30 or 90 days after the NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date) according to the list in Table 3

and

involves deep soft tissues of the incision (e.g., fascial and muscle layers)

and

patient has at least one of the following:

a. purulent drainage from the deep incision.

b. a deep incision that spontaneously dehisces or is deliberately opened by a surgeon, attending physician** or other designee and is culture-positive or not cultured

and

patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever (>38°C); localized pain or tenderness. A culture-negative finding does not meet this criterion.

c. an abscess or other evidence of infection involving the deep incision that is detected on direct examination, during invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test.
Organ/Space SSI

Infection occurs within 30 or 90 days after the NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date) according to the list in Table 3 and infection involves any part of the body, excluding the skin incision, fascia, or muscle layers, that is opened or manipulated during the operative procedure and patient has at least one of the following:

a. purulent drainage from a drain that is placed into the organ/space
b. organisms isolated from an aseptically-obtained culture of fluid or tissue in the organ/space
c. an abscess or other evidence of infection involving the organ/space that is detected on direct examination, during invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test

and

meets at least one criterion for a specific organ/space infection site listed in Table 4.
Specific sites of infection must be used to differentiate organ/space SSI and their criteria must also be met. Use Chapter 17.

NOTE: New PJI definition.

### Table 4. Specific Sites of an Organ/Space SSI

Criteria for these sites can be found in the NHSN Help system (must be logged in to NHSN) or the Surveillance Definitions for Specific Types of Infections chapter.

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<td>ORAL</td>
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<td>Other infections of the urinary tract</td>
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<td>Endocarditis</td>
<td>PJI</td>
<td>Periprosthetic Joint Infection</td>
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<td>Eye, other than conjunctivitis</td>
<td>SA</td>
<td>Spinal abscess without meningitis</td>
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<td>SINU</td>
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<td>Joint or bursa</td>
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PJIs: Periprosthetic Joint Infection

NOTE: This is the correct definition and it is what is currently in the Protocol.

3a is CRP >100 mg/L AND ESR > 30 mm/hr

PJIs – Periprosthetic Joint Infection (following HPRO and KPRO only)
Joint or bursa infections must meet at least 1 of the following criteria:
1. Two positive periprosthetic (tissue or fluid) cultures with identical organisms
2. A sinus tract communicating with the joint
3. Having three of the following minor criteria:
   a. Elevated serum C-reactive protein (CRP; >100 mg/L) AND erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR; >30 mm/hr.).
   b. Elevated synovial fluid white blood cell (WBC; >10,000 cells/μL) count OR ++ (or greater) change on leukocyte esterase test strip of synovial fluid.
   c. Elevated synovial fluid polymorphonuclear neutrophil percentage (PMN% >90%).
   d. Positive histological analysis of periprosthetic tissue (>5 neutrophils (PMNs) per high power field).
   e. A single positive periprosthetic (tissue or fluid) culture.
If a patient has an infection in the organ/space being operated on, subsequent continuation of this infection type during the remainder of the surveillance period is considered an organ/space SSI, if organ/space SSI and site-specific infection criteria are met.
Example

- On 8/1 - Patient presents to ED with acute abdomen and is admitted to the OR on the same day for colon resection (COLO). Peritoneal abscess noted at time of surgery. Abdominal abscesses drained and thorough abdominal washout incision loosely closed with some packing between staples and a JP drain in an adjacent stab wound.
- 8/4 - Patient discharged wounds healing well.
- 8/8 - Patient presents to ED with fever, abdominal pain, and purulent drainage via the JP drain.
- This is reported as an SSI-IAB (meets IAB criterion 3a.)
Organ Space Reporting Instructions

• In Chapter 9, the Reporting Instructions in the SSI criteria table, the Numerator Data section and the Table of Instructions provide important guidance on the many nuances of how to report SSI details in a variety of situations.

• The examples shown in this presentation are only some of them.

• Please read and follow all of the instructions carefully!
When a patient with an SSI has had more than one operation...

If a patient has several NHSN operations prior to an SSI, report the operation that was performed most closely in time prior to the infection date. This does not apply when 2 operative procedure are done within the same 24 hour period via the same incision.

Example: Patient underwent a COLO on 2/12/14. One week later on 2/19/14, he returns to OR for an APPY via the same incision. He developed an incisional SSI on 2/28/14. This SSI is attributed to the second procedure (CHOL), not the COLO.
Case 9

• 3/10 - Patient admitted and underwent a hemicolectomy due to colon cancer. Wound class = Clean Contaminated.

• 3/14: Temp up to 38.7°C, abdominal pain. Ultrasonography shows intraabdominal abscess.

• 3/15: To OR for I&D of the abscess. Abscess specimen collected for culture. Antibiotics begun. Abscess culture positive for *E. coli*.

• 3/18: Discharged from hospital on oral antibiotics.
Does this patient meet criteria for an organ space SSI?

1. Yes
2. No
Case 9 – Answer

Infection occurs within 30 or 90 days after the NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date) according to the list in Table 3 and infection involves any part of the body, excluding the skin incision, fascia, or muscle layers, that is opened or manipulated during the operative procedure and patient has at least one of the following:

a. purulent drainage from a drain that is placed into the organ/space
b. organisms isolated from an aseptically-obtained culture of fluid or tissue in the organ/space
c. an abscess or other evidence of infection involving the organ/space that is detected on direct examination, during invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test and

meets at least one criterion for a specific organ/space infection site listed in Table 4.
Case 9 – (cont.)

• 2 different criteria must be met for Organ/Space SSI
  – SSI organ/space criteria AND
  – Those of the specific site of the organ/space operated on

| Event Details: Specify Criteria Used | Required. Check each of the elements of the definition that were used to identify the specific type of SSI. Specific organ/space event types have their own unique criteria which must be met. They are found in the Surveillance Definitions chapter. |

SSI event form Table of Instructions
What type of SSI does this patient have?

1. SSI-SIP
2. SSI-DIP
3. SSI-IAB
4. SSI-GIT
GI- IAB- Intraabdominal

IAB-Intraabdominal infection, not specified elsewhere including gallbladder, bile ducts, liver (excluding viral hepatitis), spleen, pancreas, peritoneum, subphrenic or subdiaphragmatic space, or other intraabdominal tissue or area not specified elsewhere
Intraabdominal infections must meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

1. Patient has **organisms cultured from abscess** and/or **purulent material from intraabdominal space obtained during an invasive procedure**.
2. Patient has abscess or other evidence of intraabdominal infection seen during an invasive procedure or histopathologic examination.
3. Patient has at least 2 of the following signs or symptoms: fever (>38°C), nausea*, vomiting*, abdominal pain*, or jaundice*

and

at least 1 of the following:

a. **organisms cultured from drainage from an aseptically-placed drain** (e.g., closed suction drainage system, open drain, T-tube drain, CT guided drainage)

b. **organisms seen on Gram’s stain of drainage or tissue obtained during invasive procedure or from an aseptically-placed drain**

c. **organisms cultured from blood and imaging test evidence of infection** (e.g., abnormal findings on ultrasound, CT scan, MRI, or radiolabel scans [gallium, technetium, etc.] or on abdominal x-ray).

* With no other recognized cause
Case 9 - Rationale

• Why not GI-GIT – Gastrointestinal tract as the specific site of SSI?
  – The abscess is in general intraabdominal space and not involving the actual GI tract
  – GIT focuses on organs of the GI tract
  – Therefore, IAB is the appropriate choice site of SSI in this case

*Site Definitions Chapter; Chapter 17*
Let’s change the scenario -- at the time of the I & D, it was discovered that the patient had suffered an anastomotic leak from which the abscess developed.

• Does this change your determination of an SSI - IAB?

No. Although an anastomotic leak can be a complication of surgery, the fact remains that this patient meets the criterion for an SSI. If the surgery had not been performed there would not have been an anastomotic leak.
Case 10

1/22: Patient had an abdominal hysterectomy (HYST)

2/1: Pelvic pain; Temp 38.4°C

2/2: MRI reveals a fluid in the deep pelvic tissue

2/3: Surgeon opened wound in the OR and drained purulent fluid; specimen to lab for culture; notes ‘infected hematoma’; antibiotics begun; incision closed primarily

2/5: Culture positive for Pseudomonas aeruginosa
What should be reported?

1. SSI – IAB
2. SSI – OREP
3. SSI - EMET
Why isn’t this an SSI-IAB?

IAB – Intraabdominal, not specified elsewhere including gallbladder, bile ducts, liver (excluding viral hepatitis), spleen, pancreas, peritoneum, subphrenic or subdiaphragmatic space, or other intraabdominal tissue or area not specified elsewhere

Site Definitions Chapter; Chapter 17
Case 10 - Rationale

OREP-Other infection of the male or female reproductive tract (epididymis, testes, prostate, vagina, ovaries, uterus, or other deep pelvic tissues, excluding endometritis or vaginal cuff infections)

Other infections of the male or female reproductive tract must meet at least 1 of the following criteria:
1. Patient has organisms cultured from tissue or fluid from affected site.
2. Patient has an abscess or other evidence of infection of affected site seen during an invasive procedure or histopathologic examination.
3. Patient has 2 of the following signs or symptoms: fever (>38°C), nausea*, vomiting*, pain*, tenderness*, or dysuria*
   and
at least 1 of the following:
a. organisms cultured from blood
b. physician diagnosis.

* With no other recognized cause

Reporting instructions
• Report endometritis as EMET.
• Report vaginal cuff infections as VCUF.
Case 11

On 5/15 a 45-year-old female undergoes an abdominal hysterectomy (HYST) and colectomy (COLO) performed through the same incision.

If both of these procedures are in your Monthly Reporting Plan in May, which one(s) do you enter into NHSN?

*Both HYST and COLO procedures are entered*
Case 11 - Rationale

3. **Different operative procedure categories performed during same trip to the OR:** If procedures in more than one NHSN operative procedure category are performed during the same trip to the operating room through the same or different incisions, a *Denominator for Procedure* form is reported for each NHSN operative procedure category being monitored. For example, if a CARD and CBGC are done through the same incision, a *Denominator for Procedure* form is reported for each. In another example, if following a motor vehicle accident, a patient has an open reduction of fracture (FX) and splenectomy (SPLE) performed during the same trip to the operating room and both procedure categories are being monitored, complete a *Denominator for Procedure* form for each.

**EXCEPTION:** If a patient has both a CBGC and CBGB during the same trip to the operating room, report only as a CBGB. Only report as a CBGC when there is a chest incision only. CBGB and CBGC are never reported for the same patient for the same trip to the operating room. The time from chest incision to chest primary closure is reported as the duration of the procedure.

SSI Chapter: *Denominator Reporting Instructions*
Case 11 (cont.)

• 5/15: A 45-year-old female undergoes an abdominal hysterectomy (HYST) and colectomy (COLO) performed through the same incision.

• 5/19: Patient spikes temp to 38°C, has abdominal pain and emesis. Ultrasound shows fluid collection in abdominal cavity. Fluid specimen for culture is obtained by needle aspiration.

• 5/20: Culture positive for *E. faecium*, many neutrophils seen

**Is this an HAI?**

**Yes**
Is this an SSI?

1. SSI-Deep Incisional Primary
2. SSI-Deep Incisional Secondary
3. SSI Organ/Space, specific site IAB
4. This is an IAB but there is no SSI infection

[Bar chart with 25% bars for each option]
To which procedure is the SSI attributed?

1. HYST
2. COLO
3. Both HYST and COLO
Case 11 - Rationale

If a procedure from more than one NHSN operative procedure category was done through a single incision, attempt to determine the procedure that is thought to be associated with the infection. If it is not clear (as is often the case when the infection is a superficial incisional SSI), or if the infection site being reported is not an SSI, use the NHSN Principal Operative Procedure Selection Lists (Table 5) to select which operative procedure to report.

SSI Chapter: Numerator Data Reporting Instructions
### Case 11 - Rationale

Table 5. **NHSN Principal Operative Procedure Category Selection Lists**

The following lists are derived from Table 1, NHSN Operative Procedure Categories. The categories with the highest risk of SSI are listed before those with lower risks.

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Case 12

1/15/14: A 60 year-old female admitted with an acute abdomen. Patient sent to OR and finding was a ruptured diverticulum with fecal contamination of the abdominal cavity (wound class = Contaminated). A colectomy is performed with a colostomy formation. Incision is loosely closed with staples to allow for drainage. Antibiotics ordered.

1/19/14: Patient progressing well; afebrile; discharged home

1/25/14: Patient presents to ED with fever of 38.5°C; abdominal pain; CT scan suspicious for small abscess in the intraabdominal space; MD starts antibiotics; patient discharged. No cultures obtained. Discharge note states patient returned with possible intraabdominal abscess.
Should this patient’s chart be reviewed to see if they meet criteria for an organ space SSI?

1. Yes
2. No
Case 12 - Rationale

Organ/Space SSI
Must meet the following criteria:
Infection occurs within 30 or 90 days after the NHSN operative procedure (where day 1 = the procedure date) according to the list in Table 3
and
infection involves any part of the body, excluding the skin incision, fascia, or muscle layers, that is opened or manipulated during the operative procedure
and
patient has at least one of the following:
  a. purulent drainage from a drain that is placed into the organ/space
  b. organisms isolated from an aseptically-obtained culture of fluid or tissue in the organ/space
  c. an abscess or other evidence of infection involving the organ/space that is detected on direct examination, during invasive procedure, or by histopathologic examination or imaging test
and
meets at least one criterion for a specific organ/space infection site listed in Table 4.
Does this patient meet criteria for a site specific infection?

1. Yes

✓ 2. No
Case 12 - Rationale

IAB-Intraabdominal infection, not specified elsewhere including gallbladder, bile ducts, liver (excluding viral hepatitis), spleen, pancreas, peritoneum, subphrenic or subdiaphragmatic space, or other intraabdominal tissue or area not specified elsewhere

Intraabdominal infections must meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

1. Patient has organisms cultured from abscess and/or purulent material from intraabdominal space obtained during an invasive procedure. - NO
2. Patient has abscess or other evidence of intraabdominal infection seen during an invasive procedure or histopathologic examination. NO
3. Patient has at least 2 of the following signs or symptoms: fever (>38°C), nausea*, vomiting*, abdominal pain*, or jaundice*
   and
   at least 1 of the following:
   a. organisms cultured from drainage from an aseptically-placed drain (e.g., closed suction drainage system, open drain, T-tube drain, CT guided drainage) - NO
   b. organisms seen on Gram’s stain of drainage or tissue obtained during invasive procedure or from an aseptically-placed drain - NO
   c. organisms cultured from blood and imaging test evidence of infection (e.g., abnormal findings on ultrasound, CT scan, MRI, or radiolabel scans [gallium, technetium, etc.] or on abdominal x-ray). - NO

* With no other recognized cause
Case 13

- A male patient underwent a KPRO in August 2013.

- In January 2014, the prosthesis was removed due to an unresolved infection in the joint space with MRSA. A spacer was placed and a replacement procedure was scheduled for the following March 2014.

- The replacement KPRO was completed in March 2014 and, within 3 weeks after discharge, he developed osteomyelitis with MRSA near the attachment site.
How should this osteomyelitis be reported?

1. SSI linked to the August 2013 operative procedure
2. SSI linked to the January 2014 operative procedure
3. SSI linked to the March 2014 operative procedure
4. Does not meet the criteria for SSI
Case 13 - Rationale

• If a patient has an infection in the organ/space being operated on, subsequent continuation of this infection type during the remainder of the surveillance period is considered an organ/space SSI, if organ/space SSI and site-specific infection criteria are met.
Completing the SSI Event Form (Numerator)
Reporting SSIs

Complete a Surgical Site Infection (SSI) form for each patient found to have an SSI using the definitions.

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**MDRO Infection Surveillance:**
- Yes, this infection’s pathogen & location are in-plan for Infection Surveillance in the MDRO/CDI Module
- No, this infection’s pathogen & location are not in-plan for Infection Surveillance in the MDRO/CDI Module

**Date Admitted to Facility**

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**Signs & Symptoms**
- Laboratory |
| - Positive culture |
| - Not cultured |
| - Positive blood culture |
| - Blood culture not done or no organisms detected in blood |
| - Positive Gram stain when culture is negative or not done |
| - Other positive laboratory tests² |
| - Imaging test evidence of infection |
| - Apnea |
| - Bradycardia |
| - Lethargy |
| - Cough |
| - Nausea |
| - Vomiting |
| - Dysuria |
| - Other evidence of infection found on direct exam, during invasive procedure, or by diagnostic tests² |
| - Other signs & symptoms² |
| - Clinical Diagnosis |
| - Physician diagnosis of this event type |
| - Physician institutes appropriate antimicrobial therapy² |

**Secondary Bloodstream Infection:**
- Yes No

**Pathogens Identified:**
- Yes No

**SSI Contributed to Death:**
- Yes No

### Discharge Date

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**Pathogens Identified:**
- Yes No

**SSI Contributed to Death:**
- Yes No

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² per organ/space specific site criteria
## SSI Form – Patient Demographics

Required fields are highlighted

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The entry of a MBN number is a CMS requirement that goes into effect on July 1, 2014 for events that are reported to NHSN for the Acute Care Facilities that participate in CMS Hospital IQR Program. This applies to all events that are required to be reported to CMS for Acute care facilities’ for applicable patients.

This is for events they did not write the rule at this time to include procedures. So SSIs events should have the MBN included but it does not need to be entered on the COLO and HYST procedures that are sent to NHSN at this time.

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<td>*Date Admitted to Facility: 02/14/14</td>
<td>*Admission Location: CTICU</td>
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- **Highlighted fields are required fields.**
- **ICD-9-CM code is optional.**
- If this SSI is an NHSN-defined MDRO infection that you are monitoring in your Monthly Reporting Plan, select Yes.
- Was the patient’s date of admission and date of discharge the same calendar day?
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Enter the date the patient was admitted to the hospital when the operation was performed (not the date of readmission) and the location where the patient was housed after leaving the OR / PACU.

Note: Location is an optional field for SSI!
Reporting SSI for Patients who are Readmitted

• Use the admission date of the surgical admission as the date admitted to facility, not the readmission date

• Then the date of procedure and date of event will be in the correct sequence

Date Admitted to Facility $\leq$ Date of Procedure $<$ Date of Event
**Specific Event:**
Required.
Check the box to indicate the definition that was used to identify the SSI.
SSI – Event Details

If the specific event is Organ/Space, specify the organ/space site that was identified. See Chapter 17.
## SSI – Event Details

### Specify Criteria Used (check all that apply):

#### Signs & Symptoms
- [x] Purulent drainage or material
- [x] Pain or tenderness
- [ ] Localized swelling
- [x] Redness
- [ ] Heat
- [ ] Fever
- [x] Incision deliberately opened/drained
- [ ] Wound spontaneously dehisces
- [ ] Abscess
- [ ] Other evidence of infection found on direct exam, during invasive procedure, or by diagnostic tests
- [ ] Other

#### Laboratory
- [x] Positive culture
- [ ] Not cultured
- [ ] Positive blood culture
- [ ] Blood culture not done or no organisms detected in blood
- [ ] Positive Gram stain when culture is negative or not done
- [ ] Positive culture from ≥ 2 separate tissue or fluid samples from affected joint
- [ ] Other positive laboratory tests
- [ ] Imaging test evidence of infection

#### Clinical Diagnosis
- [ ] Physician diagnosis of this event type
- [ ] Physician institutes appropriate antimicrobial therapy

Select the specific elements of the criterion that were used to identify this infection.
**SSI – Event Details**

- **A**  SSI was identified before the patient was discharged from the facility following the operation.
- **P**  SSI was identified only as part of post-discharge surveillance, including ED visit without readmission. If readmitted, use RF or RO as appropriate.
- **RF**  SSI was identified due to patient readmission to the facility where the operation was performed.
- **RO**  SSI was identified due to patient admission to a facility other than where the operation was performed.

### Detected: Required.
Check the box to indicate when/how the SSI was identified.

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**Pathogens Identified: Yes No *

*If Yes, specify on pages 2-3.*

**Discharge Date:**

Assurance of Confidentiality: The voluntarily provided information obtained in this surveillance system that would permit identification of any individual or institution is collected with a guarantee that it will be held in strict confidence, will be used only for the purposes stated, and will not otherwise be disclosed or released without the consent of the individual, or the institution in accordance with Sections 304, 305, and 306(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242b, 242k, and 248m(d)).
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**Died:**
Required for completion.
If the patient died during this hospitalization, circle Yes.

**The record may be saved without completing this field, but it will be considered incomplete.**

SSI Contributed to Death: Required only if the patient died.
If the SSI caused the death or exacerbated an existing condition which led to death, circle Yes.

Secondary BSI:
Required.
If the patient had a culture-confirmed bloodstream infection that is secondary to the SSI circle Yes.

*If Yes, specify on pages 2-3.*
### SSI – Event Details

**Discharge Date:**
*Optional.*
The date the patient was discharged from the hospital. This is the hospitalization during which the operation was performed.

**Pathogens Identified:**
*Required.*
Circle Yes if one or more pathogens was identified.

Specific information about the pathogen is entered on the back of the form.

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For each antimicrobial agent identified, circle the pathogen’s susceptibility result.

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<th>Aztreonam</th>
<th>Cefazolin</th>
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<th>Ceftazidime/(\beta)-Lactamase Inhibitor</th>
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<th>Doxycycline</th>
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<th>Nalidixic Acid</th>
<th>Piperacillin/Tazobactam</th>
<th>Tetracycline</th>
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S = Susceptible  
I = Intermediate  
R = Resistant  
NS = Non-susceptible  
S-DD = Susceptible-dose dependent  
N = Not tested
Alerts – Missing Procedure Event

You must complete these items.
- A survey is required for 2013

Alerts
- You have 2 missing summary items
- You have 1 missing Procedure-associated event
If you have no SSI to report...

Click on Event → Incomplete
Click on Missing PA Events tab
Check Report No Events next to SSI; Save
Summary

• Complete and enter or import Surgical Site Infection records for the procedures that are selected for surveillance.

SSI – Errata
Clarifications to the 2014 SSI Protocol

- The definition for “Non-primary Closure” in the Key Terms and in the table of Instructions for SSI denominator for procedure form was the 2013 definition when the protocol was published. This has been corrected and the current 2014 definition has been inserted.

- “Not incidental to another procedure” should be deleted for APPY in Table 1 on pg. 3 of the SSI protocol.
Transition to ICD-10 CM/PCS and CPT Code-based NHSN Procedure Categories

- CDC continues to work on updated ICD-10-CM/PCS and CPT mappings to all NHSN operative procedure categories for SSI surveillance. These mappings are anticipated to be available by July 2014.

- ICD-10-CM/PCS codes will replace ICD-9-CM codes on October 1, 2014 but NHSN will not have the ability to receive these codes until the January 2015 release.

- The NHSN guidance for entry of surgical denominator data for the last quarter of 2014 data is to enter the NHSN Procedure Code (e.g. COLO or HYST) but do not enter any ICD-10-CM/PCS codes associated with the procedure.

- At the time of the January 2015 release NHSN will be able to accept the new ICD-10-CM/PCS codes.
What else is coming in 2015

- Present at Time of Surgery (PATOS) - captures a condition or diagnosis that the patient has at the time of the start of or during the index surgical procedure (in other words, it is present preoperatively). This must be noted preoperatively or found intraoperatively.
  - This will be a field on the SSI Event form.

- For HPRO and KPRO Procedures:
  - If a total or partial revision, was the revision associated with a prior infection at the index joint?
  - This will be a field on the denominator for procedure form.
THE END
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