

CDC/NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual

Summary of Updates, January 2023

Below is a summary of significant modifications for the NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual, which will go into effect January 1, 2023.

NHSN Overview

No significant changes

Monthly Reporting Plan and Annual Facility Survey

No significant changes

Same Day Outcome Measures

No significant changes

Surgical Site Infection Surveillance

- Clarification provided to SSI event detail ‘Surveillance Period for SSI’ regarding return visits to the OR and non-NHSN operative procedures
- Added anesthesiologist ‘designee’ may assign ASA physical status
- Clarification provided to which procedures have secondary incision site available to SSI attribution
- General Organ/Space SSI criterion ‘c’ has been updated to clarify imaging that is definitive or equivocal for infection is sufficient to meet this criterion
- Clarification provided to invasive manipulation/accession reporting instruction

Key Terms

- Added the following key terms: Fever, Gross anatomical exam, Vital Signs
- Clarification provided to ‘Surveillance cultures’ definition