3M™ Health Care Academy

Surgical safety Solution

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Mission

Leader in Quality of Care
- To achieve patient, health care workers and families safety

Vision

Deliver the Best Health Care Services
- Meet needs/values of patients and health care workers
- Patient satisfaction by exceeding patient expectations

Patient safety

Getting to Zero Harm
Focus: Inpatient Hospital KPI Examples

**Inpatient Utilization**
- Length of Stay
- "Excess bad days"
- "Cold bed time"
- Average daily census

**OR Utilization**
- Block time utilization
- Case delays
- Case cancellation rate
- OR turnaround time

**Patient Access**
- # of patients referred vs. accepted
- # of patients turned away due to hospital census

**Patient Safety/Quality**
- Mortality rates
- 30-day unplanned readmissions
- Infection (CAUTI, CLABSI, SSI, etc.)

**Clinic Flow**
- Waiting room times
- Patient wait times in exam rooms
- Outpatient pharmacy wait times

**Schedule Utilization**
- No-show appointment rates
- Cancellation rates
- MD schedule utilization
- Turnaround times- machines, labs, rooms
Health care Associated Infection threatens patient safety

Health-care-associated infection (HAI) is a major global safety concern for both patients and health care professionals.

Every year, hundreds of millions of patients are affected by health care-associated infections worldwide.

Burden of HAI increase:
- Mortality and Morbidity: Estimated 2 M Infection/year
- Increase Hospital length of stay: 1 to 30 days
- Increase Cost Year

Up to 50% of HAI could have prevented

1. WHO Information Sheet 1 “Clean care is Safer Care Challenge”.
2. Patient Safety and Hand Hygiene Matter! – CPSW Week 2006 brochure
3. Yalcin 2003

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Burden of SSIs

• SSI is one of the most frequent type of HAI with a huge burden on healthcare systems, providers, patients and community

60% of SSIs are preventable


### Source of Microorganism

#### Where Micro Organism comes from?


Approximately 60% of bacteria have been shown to come from the patient’s own skin.
Risk Of Surgical Site Infection (SSI)

**Patient Risk factors**

- Age
- Co-morbidity, e.g., Diabetes
- Compromised Immune System
- Obesity
- Nutritional Status
- Nicotine Use

**Patient Variability**

- Prolonged Preoperative Stay
- Steroid Use
- Duration of Surgery
- Remote Site Infection (Not treated prior to surgery)

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According to the CDC’s conceptual formula for SSI Risk, **SSIs are impacted by the number of microbes that contaminate an incision during surgery**¹

3 Primary Vectors of Contamination

- **Environment**
  - Air
  - Surfaces
  - Equipment
  - Instruments

- **Surgical Team**
  - Hands
  - Hair
  - Clothes / bodies
  - Breath

- **Patient’s Own Skin**
  - Skin
  - Nares
  - Oral / mucosal cavities

Most surgical site infections are caused by contamination of an incision with microbes from the patient’s own skin.

The first factor is contamination from patient’s own skin

Patient’s Own Skin

- Skin
- Nares
- Oral / mucosal cavities

The skin can contain over 1,000,000 bacteria per sq cm\(^1\)

It can take as few as 10 microbes per sq cm* to cause a surgical site infection\(^2\)

By reducing the number of microorganisms, we can reduce the risk of infection

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* When implant present


How Do We Get to Zero SSI?

Don’t operate
Surgical patient safety

Operating room is one of the most complex work environments in health care setup.

Complexity manifests on:

1. Patient
2. Type of surgery
3. Structure of Operating room
4. Hospitals protocols and policies
5. Technology and Equipment's
6. Instrument cleaning/sterilization process
7. Coordination among the surgical team.
Global Initiatives and Programs to Prevent SSIs

To provide comprehensive strong evidence- and expert consensus-based recommendations to:

1. Increase awareness of the global burden of SSI and how to prevent it.
2. Provide programs focus on surgical safety,
3. Improve Patient safety, satisfactions and outcomes
4. Protect Health care team and community
Global strategies and programs to achieve safe surgery

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Patient Education is Part of Safe Surgery

Be Informed – Be Empowered - Be Prepared

1. SPEAK UP
   - Talk to your doctor about all questions or worries you have. Ask them what they are doing to protect you.
   - If you have a catheter, ask each day if it is necessary.
   - Ask your doctor how he/she prevents surgical site infections. Also ask how you can prepare for surgery to reduce your infection risk.

2. KEEP HANDS CLEAN
   - Be sure everyone cleans their hands before touching you.

3. GET SMART ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS
   - Ask if tests will be done to make sure the right antibiotic is prescribed.

4. KNOW THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION
   - Some skin infections, such as MRSA, appear as redness, pain, or drainage at an early stage. If you notice one of these symptoms, tell your doctor if you have these symptoms.

5. WATCH OUT FOR DEADLY DIADEMA
   - (Meningitis)
   - Tell your doctor if you have 3 or more of these symptoms extended in 24 hours, especially if you have been taking an antibiotic.

6. PROTECT YOURSELF
   - Get vaccinated against flu and other infections to avoid complications.

Patient Surgical Journey preparation start from home

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Hand Hygiene is the gold standard to prevent HAI
Surgical Team Preparation

Surgical Hand Scrub: Alcohol-based Antiseptic Hand Rub

1. No artificial nails in the OT
2. Keep natural nails tips less than ¼ inch long (not extend beyond fingertips)
3. Remove all rings, watches, bracelets
4. Don a surgical mask
5. If visible soil is present on hands, wash with soap and water
6. Remove all debris under fingernails with a nail cleaner while under running water
7. Use Antiseptic solution with alcohol base and persisting activities
8. Don’t use the Brushes – Use Water less brushless scrub less solution to preserve skin integrity
9. Apply manufacturer’s recommendation ONLY.
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Antibiotics are Losing Their power because of MISUSE

Select appropriate Antibiotic prophylaxis agents based on:

1. **Surgical procedure**
2. **Most common SSI pathogens for the procedure**
3. **Published recommendations**

The appropriate **Time**:
- Administer within 1 hour prior to incision
- 2 hr for vancomycin and fluoroquinolones

**Appropriate Dosage**:
- weight based. Repeat dose if surgery extends past the ½ life of the drug

**Appropriate Agent** for gram negative and gram positive organisms and surgical procedure

**Discontinue antibiotic** within 24 hours of the end of surgery except for cardiac surgeries. Antibiotics should be stopped within 48 hours

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Holistic Approach for Patient Preparation

Surgical patient preparation to optimize outcomes and reduce risks

Prior to admission

Preoperative

Surgery

Post Surgery

Discharge
Patient Preparation

Following a consistent approach for preparing patients for surgery, aligned to guidelines and best practices, it is the most effective way to manage contamination from the patient’s skin.

Preoperative
- Nasal Decolonization
- Patient Bathing
- Hair Removal (w. clippers)

Intraoperative
- Surgical Prepping
- Antimicrobial Incise Drapes

Postoperative
- Wound care

Consistent Standardized Practice
- Assessments
- Protocol Development
- Education
Hair Removal
# Hair Removal Guidelines and recommendations

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Hair Removal Campaign

Clipping vs. Shaving is Changing Behavior

NO!

Research clearly shows shaving produces:
- Nicks
- Cuts
- Microscopic epidermal injuries
And can permit bacterial contamination at the operative site.

“Bad Thing” shaving increases the risk of Surgical Site Infection.

NO SHAVE

ZONE

YES!

Clipping:
- Reduces risk of infection
- Cuts costs
- Reduces length of hospital stays

“A Good Thing” clipping is the safest, most preferred method of hair removal.

Education is the key driver to increase Bundle of care compliance and cut the risk of SSI
Recommended Practices to improve Preoperative Hair Removal Process

1. Have a policy in place indicating the use of clippers for hair removal and **NO Hair removal is done in the operating theater.**

2. Remove all razors from preoperative areas, the operating theater, and supply areas.

3. Perform hair removal when necessary with clippers right before surgery.

4. Provide patient education and materials on appropriate hair-removal techniques to prevent shaving at home.
Prevent Hypothermia
Prevent Hypothermia – Part of Safe surgery

Inadvertent hypothermia occurs in 50% to 90% of patients, unless treated.

*Aesthetic Surg J 2006;26:551-571.*
Skin Prepping
Patient Skin preparation

– Reducing bacteria at the surgical site may help reduce surgical site infection.
– Effective skin antiseptics rapidly and persistently remove transient microorganisms and reduce resident microorganisms to subpathogenic levels
– Use single use applicator and avoid Multi-Dose Antiseptics
– Use the right antiseptics for the right procedures
– There is no one antiseptics for all type of surgeries: Depends on patient history and surgery
– Follow up manufactory instruction

SURGICAL CHALLENGES TO PREPS

Irrigation  Wiping  Dabbing  Bodily fluids  Manipulation

Prepping Alone is Not enough

Preps work primarily on the skin surface, not in the deeper skin layers. The skin is never sterile.
Why do we wear gloves during surgery?
New Evidence in the Fight Against SSI

In a recent ex vivo study on human skin, the iodine in an iodine-impregnated surgical incise drape was shown to be present at concentrations effective against methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) at a depth of 1000 microns, in the deeper layers of the skin where hair follicles are present.  

Incise Drape with Antimicrobial activity:

1. Provides a sterile surface
2. Prevents bacterial migration
3. Prevents strikethrough
4. Keeps other drapes in place
## Incise Drape Guidelines

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- **CDC:** The use of plastic adhesive drapes with or without antimicrobial properties is not necessary for the prevention of SSI.

- **WHO:** Plastic adhesive incise drapes, with or without antimicrobial properties, should not be used routine for surgery as they may increase the risk of surgical site infection.

- **If an incise drape is required,** use an iodophor-impregnated drape unless the patient has an iodine allergy.

- **Do not use non-iodophor-impregnated incise drapes routinely for surgery as they may increase the risk of surgical site infection.**

- **If an incise drape is required,** use an iodophor-impregnated drape unless the patient has an iodine allergy.

- **Do not use non-iodophor-impregnated incise drapes routinely for surgery as they may increase the risk of surgical site infection.**

- **Ensure skin preparation is dry before draping the patient.**

- **If an incise drape is required,** use an iodophor-impregnated drape unless the patient has an iodine allergy.
Incise Drape Guidelines 2018

Commission for Hospital Hygiene and Infection Prevention (KRINKO) guidelines for Germany

The use of antimicrobial coated incise drapes reduces wound contamination and eliminates the SSI rate associated with the use of non-antimicrobial coated incision drapes.
New clinical study shows that an iodine impregnated drape can help reduce the risk of infection as well as reduce overall cost

Bejko et al.
Comparison of efficacy and cost of iodine impregnated drape vs. standard drape in cardiac surgery

In a new prospective randomized study of 5,100 patients undergoing cardiac surgery, 3M Ioban was associated with:

- A significant reduction (71%) in the overall incidence of SSIs when compared with the use of a non-antimicrobial incise drape \(^1\)

- Cost-effective direct patient-related care, delivering overall cost savings of $828,000 (or about $1,025 per patient) \(^1\)

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Patient Positioning

Supine

Lithotomy

Trendelenburg

Lateral

Jackknife

Prone

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The surgical area is composed of three areas

Unrestricted Area
- Central control point (front desk) monitor the entrance of patients, personnel, and materials
- Street clothes are permitted in this area
- Traffic is not limited

Semi-restricted Area includes
- Scrub sink areas
- Storage areas for clean and sterile supplies
- Work areas for processing surgical instruments
- Corridors leading to the surgical suite
- Traffic is only for authorized team members and patients

Restricted Area includes
- Operating Room
- Traffic is only allowed for authorized team members and patients
- Surgical team wear scrub attire,
- Head and facial hair is covered
- Masks are worn if open sterile supplies and during the surgery
Major article

Traffic flow in the operating room: An explorative and descriptive study on air quality during orthopedic trauma implant surgery

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Key Words:
Surgical site infection
Door opening
Air sampling
Colony-forming units

\textbf{Background:} Understanding the protective potential of operating room (OR) ventilation under different conditions is crucial to optimizing the surgical environment. This study investigated the air quality, expressed as colony-forming units (CFU)/m\textsuperscript{3}, during orthopedic trauma surgery in a displacement-ventilated OR; explored how traffic flow and the number of persons present in the OR affects the air contamination rate in the vicinity of surgical wounds; and identified reasons for door openings in the OR.

\textbf{Methods:} Data collection, consisting of active air sampling and observations, was performed during 30 orthopedic procedures.

\textbf{Results:} In 52 of the 91 air samples collected (57%), the CFU/m\textsuperscript{3} values exceeded the recommended level of <10 CFU/m\textsuperscript{3}. In addition, the data showed a strongly positive correlation between the total CFU/m\textsuperscript{3} per operation and total traffic flow per operation ($r = 0.74$; $P = .001$; $n = 24$), after controlling for duration of surgery. A weaker, yet still positive correlation between CFU/m\textsuperscript{3} and the number of persons present in the OR ($r = 0.22$; $P = .04$; $n = 82$) was also found. Traffic flow, number of persons present, and duration of surgery explained 68\% of the variance in total CFU/m\textsuperscript{3} ($P = .0001$).

\textbf{Conclusions:} Traffic flow has a strong negative impact on the OR environment. The results of this study support interventions aimed at preventing surgical site infections by reducing traffic flow in the OR.

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Surgical Team Role and collaborations in surgical safety

**Surgeons/Surgical Assistant**
1. Surgical technique
2. Handling of tissues
3. Aseptic Technique
4. Maintain sterile field

**Holding Area Nurse**
**OR Technician**

**Peri operative nurses**
- **Circulating Nurse**:
  1. Planning for optimal care during surgery
  2. Coordinating all personnel with the OR
  3. Monitoring compliance/PPE and traffic flow
  4. Patient documentation
  5. Handling Specimens

- **Scrub Nurse**
  1. Prepare supplies and Instruments
  2. Maintain Sterile field
  3. Safe handling of Instruments
  4. Maintain Accurate counts of sponges ,needles ,instruments before and after surgery
  5. Wound cleaning and dressing

**Anesthesiologist**

**Anesthesia technician**
1. Prepare medication
2. Prepare Anesthesia machine
3. Estimated Blood and fluids
4. Maintain Hemodynamic stability
5. Alert surgeons immediately to any complications
Surgical Team Preparation

Surgical Attires

Every One entering Semi-Restricted and Restricted Areas MUST wear Surgical Attire to prevent transmission of MO from Staff to patient and verse versa.

- Normal individuals shed more than 10 million particles from their skin every day.
- Approximately 10% of skin squames carry viable microorganisms

1. Scrub Gowns
2. Hair covers
3. Cover jacket.
4. Gloves (Double gloving)
5. Eye protection
6. Dedicated Shoes for OR
7. Mask

Surgical masks should be changed between procedures
Dress code in Operating ROOM

INCORRECT

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Aseptic Practices Enhance Patient Safety

1. Wear Sterile Gowns and gloves
2. Use sterile Instruments /Check sterility
3. Create sterile field by using a barrier drapes
4. Sterile fields protected and monitored
5. Monitor Movement of surgical team in OR (Back to back)
6. Adhere to principles of sterile technique during surgery
7. Unscrubbed personnel MUST not pass between two sterile fields
8. Avoid Foley catheter on the floor
9. Instrument cleaning and control sterilization process
10. Double gloving /Change gloves before closing
11. Control Temperature and Humidity in OR
12. Have a policy in place to cover all the topics above
Operating Room Door Must be Closed

Closing doors stops deadly surgical site infections in Uganda
May 2016

In Uganda, At Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda’s southwest taking a bath before surgery, closing the door to the operating theatre and ensuring surgeons clean their hands properly can be the difference between life and death.

A study involving more than 650 surgical patients, showed the rate of infections halved after new measures were introduced.

As a result, patients are spending less time in hospital, resulting in cost-savings for both the patient and the hospital.
Effects of the Introduction of the WHO “Surgical Safety Checklist” on In-Hospital Mortality: A Cohort Study
van Klei, W. A. MD, PhD*; Hoff, R. G. MD, PhD*; van Aarnhem, E. E. H. L. MD*; Simmermacher, R. K. J. MD, PhD*; Regli, L. P. E. MD, PhD*; Kappen, T. H. MD*; van Wolfswinkel, L. MD, PhD*; Kalkman, C. J. MD, PhD*; Buhre, W. F. MD, PhD*; Peelen, L. M. PhD* Annals of Surgery: January 2012 - Volume 255 - Issue 1 - p 44–49

Objective: To evaluate the effect of implementation of the WHO’s Surgical Safety Checklist on mortality and to determine to what extent the potential effect was related to checklist compliance.
Background: Marked reductions in postoperative complications after implementation of a surgical checklist have been reported. As compliance to the checklists was reported to be incomplete, it remains unclear whether the benefits obtained were through actual completion of a checklist or from an increase in overall awareness of patient safety issues.
Methods: This retrospective cohort study included 25,513 adult patients undergoing non-day case surgery in a tertiary university hospital. Hospital administrative data and electronic patient records were used to obtain data. In-hospital mortality within 30 days after surgery was the main outcome and effect estimates were adjusted for patient characteristics, surgical specialty and comorbidity.
Results: After checklist implementation, crude mortality decreased from 3.13% to 2.85% (P = 0.19).
After adjustment for baseline differences, mortality was significantly decreased after checklist implementation (odds ratio [OR] 0.85; 95% CI, 0.73–0.98). This effect was strongly related to checklist compliance: the OR for the association between full checklist completion and outcome was
Environmental Cleaning

Daily when the OR is being used:

• Disinfection of all floors, moving from clean to dirty, perimeter to center, with all mobile equipment moved

• Cleaning and disinfection of all exposed surfaces, including wheels and casters, anesthesia equipment, OR equipment, storage cabinets, light switches, Filters.....

• Trash removed

• Air handling systems: filtration
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Safe Surgery Saves Lives Program to improve surgical Safety Globally (WHO-2007)
Safe Surgery Checklist: Lessons from the Aviation Industry
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How to achieve Safe Surgery?

Implementation of Guidelines, protocols, policies, and Recommendations. **BUT**

knowledge not always transferred into practice and Compliance.

Implementing Clinical pathway improve surgical care. **Help to Standardization**

practices and processes and Measure and monitor performance.
Surgical Patient Care Pathway

Pre Operative
- Hand Hygiene
- Vascular Access
- Body Hygiene
- Hair removal
- Temperature Management
- Prophylactic Antibiotics
- Glucose Control
- Sign In

Intra Operative
- Hand Hygiene
- Patient positioning
- Skin Antisepsis
- Surgical Attires and Drapes
- Instrument Management
- Medical Adhesive Skin Injury
- Temperature Management
- Surgical Environment
- Time Out

Post Operative
- Hand Hygiene
- Temperature management
- Vascular access Management
- Wound management
- Surveillance
- Environment cleaning
- Sign Out
Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) program

Multi-modal Peri-operative care pathways designed to achieve early recovery after surgical procedures by maintaining pre-op organ function and reducing profound stress response following surgery.

Key Principles of the ERA

- Pre-operative counselling
- Pre-operative nutrition
- Avoidance of peri-operative fasting and carbohydrate loading up to 2 hrs pre-operatively
- Standardized anesthetic and analgesic regimens
- Early mobilization.
- Management of post-operative ileus
- Use of mechanical bowel preparation.

Benefits

- Reduction in complications and hospital stay
- Improvements in cardiopulmonary function.
- Earlier return of bowel function
- Earlier return of normal activities

The introduction of an ERAS program results in cost reduction and surgical Site infection rates within major abdominal surgery.
1. Do not remove hair preoperatively unless the hair at or around the incision site will interfere with the operation (Category IA).

2. If hair is removed, remove immediately before the operation, preferably with electric clippers (Category IA).

1. Select the appropriate prophylactic antibiotic for a specific surgical procedure based on current clinical guidelines.

2. Ensure the antibiotic is administered at the proper time, in the correct dose and for the recommended duration (Category IB—strong recommendation).

Maintain perioperative Normothermia. (Category IA—strong recommendation).

Implement perioperative glycemic control and use blood glucose target levels less than 200 mg/dL in patients with and without diabetes. (Category IA—strong recommendation)
Best Practice
Fact About Caesarean section deliveries

Caesarean section deliveries are an important surgical procedure that is used to improve both maternal and fetal outcomes in complicated pregnancies.

Caesarean section (CS) deliveries are on the rise not only in high income countries (HIC) but low and middle income countries (LMIC) too.

Elective CS deliveries are based on convenience rather than medical necessity in many countries across the world.

Besides the huge cost implications, CS rates are also associated with significant perinatal and maternal morbidity and mortality.

Statistic about South Africa (SA)

1. For every 1 million births in South Africa, 800k are by means of caesarean sections (SASOG, 2016).

2. In Africa statistics show that 38% of all O&G procedures are complicated by infections (WHO, 2013).

The Reduction of Surgical Site Infections in Cesarean Section Deliveries by Implementation of a Surgical Care Pathway

Jan 2015 – August 2016

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1069 Patients
Study Scope

The purpose of this study was to reduce the burden of SSI at a private hospital in South Africa by implementing a performance improvement project.

Sample Population: All women undergoing both emergency and elective CS deliveries, between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 were considered for this study. 1,069 Patients

Ethical Considerations: Ethical approval was obtained from the hospital’s clinical education department. All patient information remained anonymous throughout the duration of the study.

Force Task team:
1. Infection control manager
2. Clinical facilitator
3. Operating room manager
4. Central services and sterilization department supervisor
5. Maternity ward manager
Surgical Checklist audit: **20 Indicators were measured**

**Pre-operatively**
- Hand hygiene practices
- Preoperative antiseptic showering
- Preoperative hair removal
- Blood glucose control
- Antimicrobial prophylaxis.

**Intraoperative phase**
- Patient skin preparation in the operating room,
- Control of the operating room environment
- Surgical attire and drapes used
- Verification on the sterility of the surgical instruments and supplies
- Aseptic techniques
- Surgical technique.

**Post-operative phrase**
- Maintenance of Normothermia
- Wound management.

**Adherence to the recommended practices were scored between**
- 0 indicated non-compliance
- 1 indicated slight compliance,
- 2 indicated average compliance
- 3 indicated almost compliant
- 4 indicated compliant. The compliance percentage was calculated as the (Hospital Score / Maximum Score) x 100.
Rate of SSI during C-Section deliveries

The rate of SSI from January 2015 to August 2015 (n = 566)

Figure 1: The rate of SSI was calculated as (number of SSI per month / number of CS deliveries per month) X 100 and is expressed as a percentage of the total number of CS Deliveries.
Audit of the existing surgical process

All processes with a percentage of 50% and below were chosen as areas for improvement.

Figure 3: The Percentage of compliance to the 20 key processes indicators in the perioperative pathway (n = 30). The percentage of compliance was calculated as the (Hospital Score / Maximum Score) x 100.
Outcomes of Gap Assessment of surgical process

Out of 20 process indicators 6 areas scored below 50% were as follows:

1. Hair removal (35%),
2. verification of instrument sterility (45%),
3. traffic control (45%),
4. patient skin preparation (50%),
5. postoperative glucose control (50%)
6. post-operative wound management (50%).
Implementing Surgical Safety Solutions improve patient outcomes in C/S

1. Preoperative Hair Removal: All women were advised not to remove their own pubic hair at home. Hair removal was performed using 3M Surgical Clippers on the day of surgery,

2. Patient Skin Preparation: The surgical skin preparation regime was changed from prepping with a CHG-alcohol combination (HIBISCRUB® cutaneous solution, BCM Ltd, UK - chlorhexidine gluconate 4% w/v (40mg/ml) as chlorhexidine digluconate solution; isopropyl alcohol) to an iodine povacrylex-alcohol solution (DuraPrepTM, Iodine povacrylex [0.7% available Iodine]; 74% isopropyl alcohol w/w).

3. Verification of Instrument Sterility: The CSSD staffs were educated on the necessity to include a chemical indicator (ComplyTM Chemical Integrator, 3M in every pack that was to be used for the CS delivery

4. Postoperative wound Management: The postoperative wound dressing regimen was improved by the introduction of a unique all-in-one sterile dressing (3M™ Tegaderm plus pad)

5. Operating Room Traffic Control: minimize number of individuals allowed into the operating room No disturbances were entertained by the surgical team for the duration of the procedure.

6. Postoperative Glucose Control: A postoperative blood glucose level was routinely monitored for 24 hours with blood glucose strips and a glucometer (Accucheck Active, Roche Diagnostics, Indiana, USA)
Figure 3: The rate of SSI from January 2015 to August 2016. The rate of SSI was calculated as (number of SSI per month / number of CS deliveries per month) X 100 and is expressed as a percentage of the total number of CS deliveries.
Outcomes of Implementing Surgical Pathway

**PRO**
1. Introductions of evidence – Based medicine and clinical guidelines
2. Support clinical effectiveness, Risk management and clinical audit
3. Improve communication and team work
4. Provides well defined standards for care
5. Help reduce errors /mistakes variations

**CON**
1. Human reaction to change behavior
2. Increase work flood for new documentations, checklist /audit
   And action plan
3. Problems of introducing new concept it may take time to be accepted.
4. Requires “Buy in “ and Endorsement from management
Summary

1. Surgical site infections (SSIs) are a huge burden on healthcare systems and providers.

2. Surgical site infection is a complicated process that begins before the patient arrives at the hospital and continuous throughout their stay and well after discharge.

3. The clinical team needs to understand the risks related to SSIs and what can be done to reduce the risks for best patient outcomes.

4. The best prevention is standardization of policies and procedures. Divided in 4 Key phases:
   - Patient education
   - Have a policy in place to drive practices
   - Patient preparation is critical clipping – skin prepping – Antimicrobial – prevent hypothermia
   - Implement Surgical Pathways and safety solutions to standardize practices and improve patients outcomes and enhance team collaboration.
   - Implement Peri-operative Safety Checklist/ Time out to improve patient safety and reduce errors and adverse events

   - Patient safety is everyone responsibility
THANK YOU