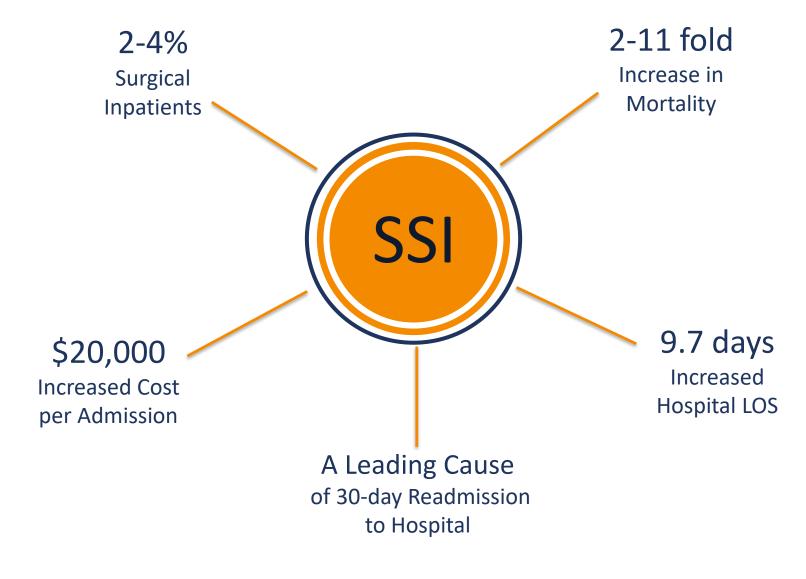


Use of Iodophor-Impregnated Incise Drapes for Surgical Site Infection Prevention

"SSI is among the most common preventable complication after surgery." AHRQ, 2019

Surgical Site Infection (SSI) - The Current State







Iodophor-Impregnated Plastic Surgical Drapes

- Contains iodine impregnated adhesive that adheres to the patient's skin.
- Provides continuous broad spectrum antimicrobial activity to the incision edge.
- Goal is to prevent migration of organisms from the patient's skin into the open surgical wound.
- Evidence is conflicting regarding efficacy in preventing surgical site infection (SSI).





Recent Population Specific Evidence and Meta-analysis

Cardiac Surgery

- Propensity-matched analysis of *5100 consecutive cardiac* surgery patients between January 2008 March 2015.
- Group A = standard plastic adhesive drape. SSI = 6.5%
- Group B = iodine-impregnated adhesive drape. SSI = 1.9%
- Findings: patients using standard drape were significantly more likely to develop SSI (p=0.001). Use of iodine-impregnated drape resulted in €773,495 total cost savings, or about €957 per patient.

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26374143/

Abdominal Surgery

- Prospective single center 2-arm randomized controlled trial of 62
 patients undergoing elective or emergent laparotomy between
 July 2016 and June 2017.
- Group 1 = iodine-impregnated drape
- Group 2 = without iodine-impregnated drape
- Findings: no statistically significant difference in the incidence of SSI between the two groups overall; for surgeries lasting longer than 3 hours, a significant reduction in SSI was noted.

https://www.iosrjournals.org/iosr-jdms/papers/Vol17-issue8/Version-2/B1708020523.pdf

Hip Surgery

- Prospective single center 2-arm randomized controlled trial of **101 patients undergoing hip surgery** from 2015 to 2016.
- Group 1 = iodophor-impregnated adhesive drapes
- Group 2 = no adhesive drapes
- Findings: Patients without iodophor-impregnated adhesive drape more likely to demonstrate a positive incisional culture odds ratio 2.38 (P=0.31), however, no differences in rates of SSI or wound complications were noted.

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29525345/

Cochrane Systemic Review

- *Database reviews*: Cochrane, Ovid MEDLINE, Ovid EMBASE, EBSCO CINAHL from 2012 to 2015.
- Randomized controlled trials comparing any plastic adhesive drape with no plastic adhesive drape, used alone or in combination with material or paper drapes in patients undergoing any type of surgery.
- Findings: *lodine-impregnated adhesive drapes have no effect on the surgical site infection rate*.

https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD006353.pub4/full



Centers for Disease Prevention and Control 2017 Guidelines for SSI Prevention

Preoperative Recommendations

Perioperative Recommendations

Postoperative Recommendations

Intraoperative Recommendations

- In clean and clean-contaminated procedures, do not administer additional prophylactic antimicrobial agent doses after the incision is closed in the operating room, even in the presence of a drain.
- Do not apply antimicrobial agents (i.e., ointments, solutions, powders) to the surgical incision.
- Application of autologous platelet-rich plasma is not necessary for prevention of SSI.
- Consider use of triclosan-coated sutures for prevention of SSI.
- For patients with normal PFTs undergoing general anesthesia with endotracheal intubation, provide increased FiO₂.
- Perform skin preparation with an alcohol-based antiseptic agent, unless contraindicated.
- Application of microbial sealant immediately following skin preparation is not necessary.
- Use of plastic adhesive drapes with or without antimicrobial properties is not necessary.
- Consider irrigation of deep or subcutaneous tissues with aqueous iodophor solution. Intra-peritoneal lavage with aqueous iodophor solution in contaminated or dirty abdominal procedures in not necessary.
- Maintain appropriate operating room ventilation.
- Utilize appropriate surgical attire and drapes.
- Reprocess/sterilize all surgical instruments according guidelines and manufacturer's recommendations.
- Do not perform special cleaning or closing of OR after contaminated/dirty operations.

https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/ssi/index.html



World Health Organization 2018 Guidelines for SSI Prevention

Preoperative Recommendations

Postoperative Recommendations

Intraoperative Recommendations

- Provide 80% FiO₂ to patients undergoing tracheal intubation.
- Maintain normothermia.
- Use protocols for intensive perioperative glucose control.
- Use goal-directed fluid therapy to maintain adequate circulating volume.
- Use either sterile, disposable non-woven or sterile, reusable woven drapes and gowns.
- Do Not use plastic adhesive incise drapes with or without antimicrobial properties for the purpose of preventing SSI.
- Consider use of wound protector devices in clean-contaminated, contaminated, and dirty abdominal surgical procedures.
- Consider use of aqueous PVP-I solution of incisional wound irrigation.
- Do Not use antibiotic incisional wound irrigation.
- Suggests use of prophylactic negative pressure wound therapy for closed, high risk incisions.
- Suggests the use of triclosan-coated sutures
- Suggest NOT using laminar airflow ventilation systems for patients undergoing total arthroplasty surgery.

https://www.who.int/infection-prevention/publications/ssi-guidelines/en/



Additional Guidelines

2019 NICE Guidelines: SSI Prevention and Treatment

- 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 iodophorimpregnated drape unless the patient has an iodine allergy.

AAOS Guidelines for Knee Surgery

 Do not address/include recommendations regarding the use of iodophor-impregnated incise drapes

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https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng125/resources/surgical-site-infections-prevention-and-treatment-pdf-66141660564421

AORN Guidelines for Preoperative Skin

• Do not address/include recommendations regarding the use of iodophor-impregnated incise drapes

AAOS Guidelines for Hip Surgery

cpg 4.22.2016.pdf

• Do not address/include recommendations regarding the use of iodophor-impregnated incise drapes

https://www.aaos.org/globalassets/quality-and-practice-resources/surgical-management-knee/smoak-

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Iodophor-Impregnated Plastic Surgical Drapes: Considerations

When is it necessary to use and why?

- Some evidence supports the use of iodophor-impregnated incise drapes for longer surgical procedures (greater than 3 hours).
- Operative time is independently associated with culture positivity; for every increase in operative time of 15 minutes there is a 9% increase in rate of SSI.

Namba, 2013. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23636183/

Is it necessary to have this drape in a custom pack or might this be an opportunity to substitute with another drape to reduce cost?

- Consider avoiding placement in a standard surgical pack as evidence doesn't support standard use of this product.
- If iodophor-impregnated incise drape is requested (physician preference), the iodophor-impregnated drape should not be substituted with a non-iodophor-impregnated incise drape.





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