

READINESS

Every Facility

- Establish standard preoperative care instructions and education for women undergoing hysterectomy (major gynecologic surgery), including postoperative wound care instructions (written and verbal)
- Establish a system that delineates responsibility for every member of the surgical team
- Establish standards for temperature regulation with regards to:
 - Ambient operating room temperature
 - Patient normothermia
- Standardize the selection and timing of administration of prophylactic antibiotics, ideally using order sets and/or checklists
- Standardize the timing of discontinuation of prophylactic antibiotics, ideally using order sets and/or checklists
- Establish standard on appropriate skin preparation, both preoperatively and postoperatively

RECOGNITION

Every Patient

- Assess patient risk preoperatively for surgical site infection using the following criterion:
 - Blood glucose level
 - Body mass index (BMI)
 - Immunodeficiency
 - MRSA status
 - Nutritional status
 - Smoking status

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RESPONSE

Every Case

- Develop intraoperative “Time Outs” to address antibiotic dosage, timing, prophylaxis issues, and patient-specific issues
- Reassess patient risk for surgical site infection based on length of surgery, potential bowel incision, vaginal contamination, and amount of blood loss
- Provide postoperative care instructions and education to women undergoing hysterectomy (major gynecologic surgery) and family members or other support persons

REPORTING/SYSTEMS LEARNING

Every Facility

- Establish a culture of huddles for high risk patients
- Create system to analyze and report surgical site infection data
- Monitor outcomes and process metrics
- Actively collect and share physician specific surgical site infection data with all surgeons as part of their ongoing professional practice evaluation
- Standardize a process to actively monitor and collect surgical site infection data with post-discharge follow-up

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