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# A Practical Guide to Reducing Surgical Site Infections: **Towards zero**

## Implementing the NICE SSI Guidance

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Third National  
Conference

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- Surgical Site Infection: monitoring surveillance, moving forward and implementing the NICE surgical site infection guidance
- Reducing surgical harm including surgical site infections
- An update from the new National Patient Safety First Campaign and the World Health Organisation Safe Surgery Saves Lives Campaign
- Effective surveillance in practice: practicalities and real time improvement
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Denis Murphy believes "You have to get your mind and heart in the right place, too. That place is not just zero tolerance for non-compliance with proven measures... The right benchmark is always zero, because every infection is someone's loved one. If you know the protocols required to avoid infection, if you follow them precisely every single time, then zero infections are possible. When you're talking about something that can cost people their lives and zero is possible, no other benchmarks make sense..."

ALAN JOHNSON MP SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH  
CLEAN, SAFE CARE: REDUCING INFECTIONS AND SAVING LIVES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, 9 JANUARY 2008

Chaired by **Professor David Leaper** *Chairman Guideline Development Group Surgical Site Infection The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence*, the third national conference provides an important update on surgical site infection: towards zero and implementing the NICE Surgical Site Infection guidance which was released in October 2008.

"Surgical site infections have been shown to compose up to 20% of all of healthcare-associated infections. At least 5% of patients undergoing a surgical procedure develop a surgical site infection."

SURGICAL SITE INFECTION PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SURGICAL SITE INFECTION  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE OCTOBER 2008

The NICE guideline focuses on the implementation and elimination of Surgical Site Infections and offers advice for patients in preventing and treating the infections. You will hear from **Professor David Leaper** *Chairman Guideline Development Group Surgical Site Infection The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence*, who will discuss the implementation of the NICE surgical site infection guideline and monitoring practice and progress against the guideline.

Whether you are an infection control specialist or member of the hospital team, this one day conference provides an important update on new measures and steps to reduce Surgical Site Infection, with a focus on towards zero.



10.00 **Chairman's Introduction: Surgical site infections: Towards Zero**

10.15 **Surgical Site Infection: Monitoring Surveillance, Moving Forward and Implementing the NICE Surgical Site Infection Guidance**

**Professor David Leaper**

*Chairman, Guideline Development Group, Surgical Site Infection*  
The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

- the evidence on what works
- implementing the NICE guidance on Surgical Site Infection
- monitoring practice and progress against the guideline
- challenges and quick wins

10.45 **Reducing surgical harm including Surgical site infections: An update from the new National Patient Safety First Campaign and the World Health Organisation Safe Surgery Saves Lives Campaign**

**Mr Mark Emerton**

*Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon* Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust  
*Fellow* The NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement  
and *Core Team Member* The National Patient Safety First Campaign

- the Patient Safety First Campaign: an introduction
- reducing surgical harm: developments from the Campaign
- Safe Surgery Saves Lives: an update from WHO
- implementation in practice

11.15 Questions and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition at 11.30

11.50 **Effective surveillance in practice: practicalities and real time improvement**

**Pauline Harrington**

*SSI Surveillance, Department of Healthcare Associated Infection* Health Protection Agency  
The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

- the practicalities of surgical site surveillance
- developing a ward level service and delivering real time improvement
- moving forward at national and local level

12.20 **Involving and engaging patients to reduce Surgical site infection**

**Neil Manser**

*Founding Member/ Trustee* National Concern for Healthcare Infections

**and Graham Tanner**

*Chair* National Concern for Healthcare Infections and Patients for Patient Safety  
*Champion* England WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety

- the patient perspective on what works to reduce surgical site infection
- how to involve and engage patients in reducing surgical site infection in practice
- case studies and examples of good practice

12.50 Questions and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition at 13.10

14.00 **Wound Management: understanding the risk factors for Surgical site infection**

**Mr Mark Collier**

*Lead Nurse Consultant, Tissue Viability,* United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust  
and *Member, Guideline Development Group, Surgical Site Infection* The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

- developing and implementing screening assessment in practice
- assessment tools: identifying individuals at risk of surgical site infections
- educating and training non specialist staff
- our experience and developments in Lincolnshire

14.30 **Implementing a surgical site infection care bundle**

**Annette Jeanes**

*Consultant Nurse Infection Control and Director of Infection Prevention and Control (DIPC)* University College London Hospitals Trust

- delivering a change package for surgical site infections: the care bundle approach
- implementing, measuring and maintaining compliance with the surgical site infections Care Bundle
- towards zero: the impact of the Surgical Site Infection Care Bundle in UCL

15.00 **The cost of surgical site infections: building the business case for safety**

**Dr Heather Shearer**

*Fellow* The NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement and *Deputy Director of Service Development* Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Trust

- two methods for identifying the cost of surgical site infections (with examples from cardiac surgery)
- share experiences of estimating the cost of interventions to reduce surgical site infections
- learning from elsewhere in the UK and the US

15.30 Questions and answers, followed by Tea and exhibition at 15.40

16.00 **Developing education, training and competence in theatres and on the wards**

**Dr Achyut Guleri**

*Consultant Clinical Microbiologist*  
Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and  
*Hon. Senior Clinical Lecturer* University Central Lancashire

**with Marie Thompson**

*Director of Nursing and Quality*  
Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- understanding the multiple root causes of surgical site infections
- developing effective training and education for theatre and ward staff
- assessing competence in the prevention and management of surgical site infections

16.30 **Lean Principles: Cultural Approaches to Hygiene and Infection: Learning from Industry**

**Julian Winn**

*Process Improvement Practitioner*  
The Manufacturing Institute

- lean principles explained
- how lean can help to improve infection control practice
- standardising infection control clinical practice across an organisation
- Developing the culture for infection control – case studies

17.00 Questions and answers, followed by close

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