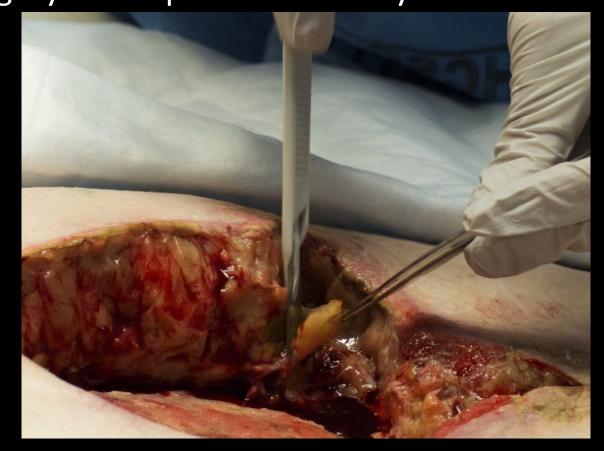


Definition :surgical site infection

SSI defined by the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as an infection that occurs after surgery in the part of the body where

the surgery took place.



- •Incidence is about 1% to 3%.
- •SSI typically occurs within 30 days after surgery



Nomenclature:

The process of pus formation, called suppuration



• Pus is a viscous liquid that consists mostly of dead and dying neutrophils and bacteria, cellular debris, and fluid leaked from blood

vessels.



collection of pus, called an abscess

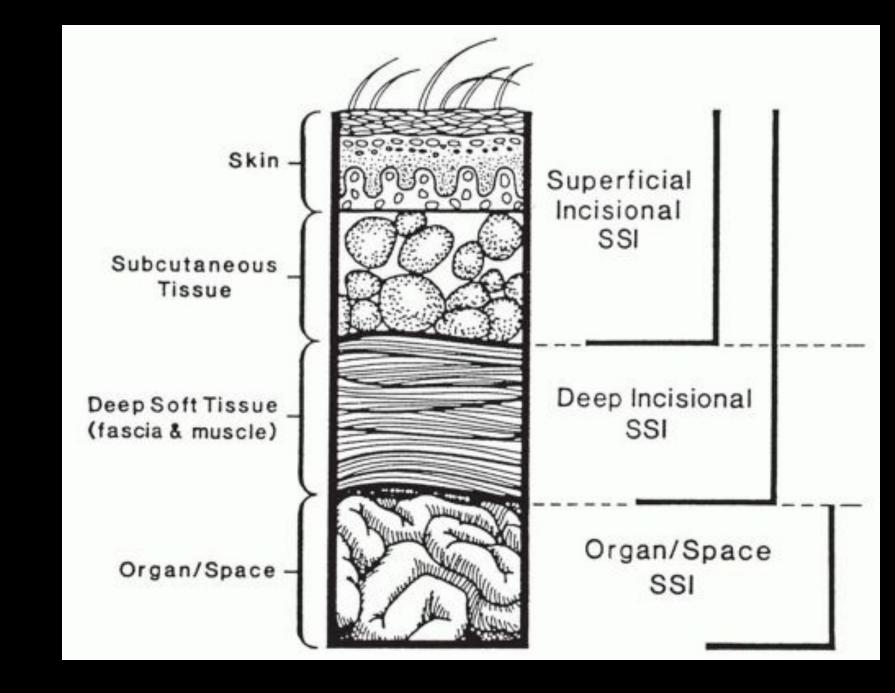


Decisive Period

 The critical 4-hour window post-tissue breach, whether from trauma or surgery, before bacterial growth becomes established enough to cause infection.



Types of SSI



Signs and symptoms Non specific

- redness
- delayed healing
- fever
- pain
- tenderness
- warmth
- swelling



Signs and symptoms **Specific**

- A superficial incisional SSI may produce pus from the wound site cellulitis,lymphangitis.
- A deep incisional SSI may also produce pus. The wound site may reopen on its own, or a surgeon may reopen the wound and find pus inside the wound.
- An organ or space SSI may show a discharge of pus coming from a drain placed through the skin into a body space or organ.

superficial incisional SSI cellulitis





Lymphangitis



deep incisional



organ or space SSI



The most common bacteria pathogen:

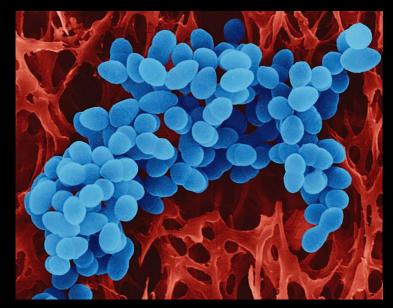
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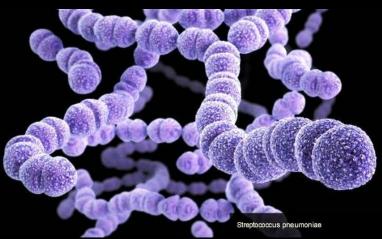
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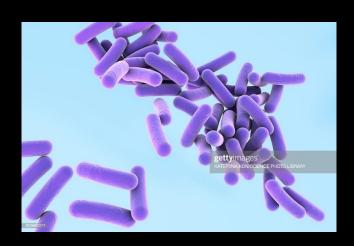
Pseudomonas

Bacteroid

clostridia



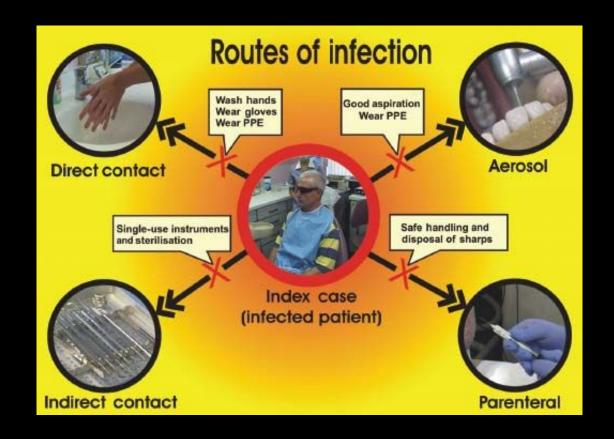




Sources of Infection

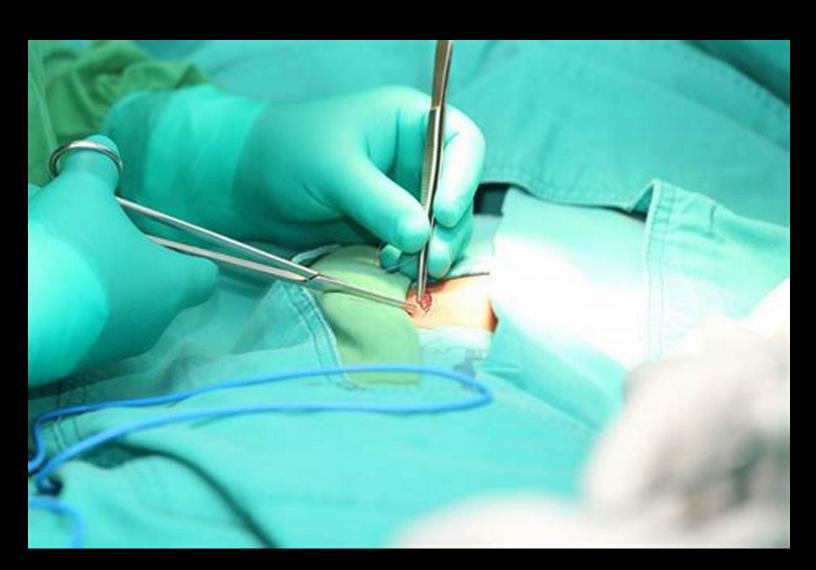
Exogenous: touch of a contaminated caregiver or surgical instrument, through germs in the air.

Endogenous: Present in or on the host, e.g., SSSI following contamination from a perforated appendix.



Surgical wound classification

• Clean:



Clean-contaminated: an incision through which the respiratory, alimentary, or genitourinary tract is entered under controlled conditions



Contaminated



Dirty or infected



RISK FACTORS FOR SSI

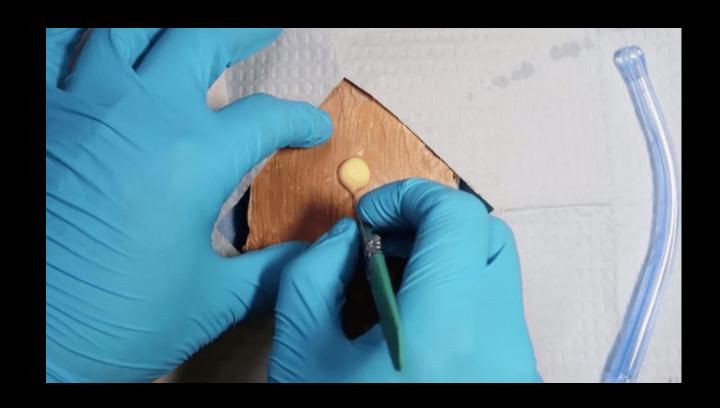
- surgery that lasts more than 2 hours
- Prosthetic implant surgery e.g. silicon, mesh, titanium...
- emergency surgery
- abdominal surgery
- medical problems for e.g. diabetes, cancer or immune compromised.
- an elderly adult
- overweight
- Smoking

TREATMENT

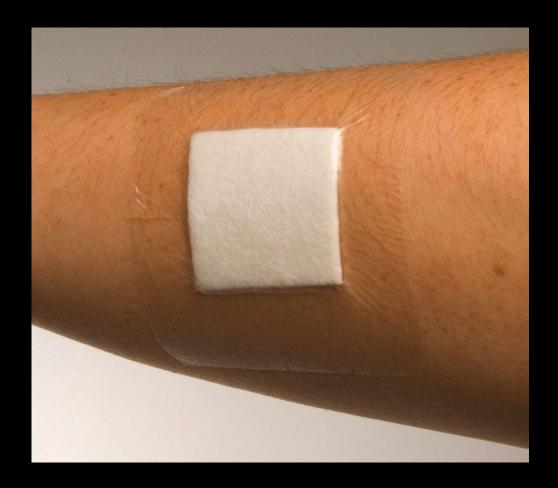
• Isolation of causative microorganism with culture derived antibiotic treatment.



Drainage of abscess and debridement of devitalized tissue



Proper wound dressing and local care.



 Improving patient general conditions and nutritional support



Skin and Soft-Tissue Infections

necrotising

localised spreading

non-necrotizing

localised spreading

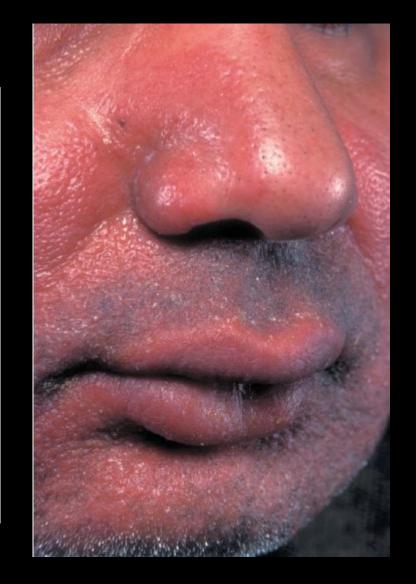
Impetigo



Erysipelas







Cellulitis



Necrotizing Fasciitis(Synergistic Spreading Gangrene):





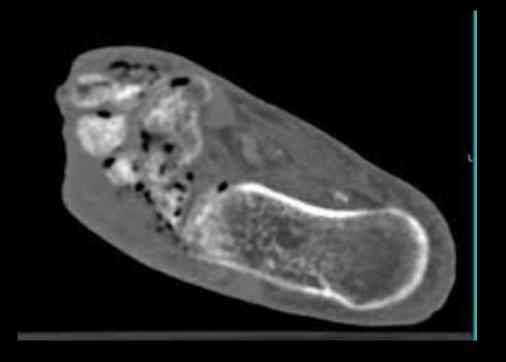


Purpura Fulminans:



Gas Gangrene:





Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)

• - A systemic manifestation of sepsis.

Definitions of SIRS and Sepsis: Presence of two out of three criteria.

- Hyperthermia (>38°C) or hypothermia (<36°C)
- •Tachycardia (>90/min, no β-blockers) tachypnoea (>20/min)
- White cell count >12 \times 109/litre or <4 \times 109/litre.

Sepsis: SIRS with a documented source of infection.

Sepsis Bundle - Sepsis Six

A bundle of medical therapies designed to reduce mortality in sepsis patients to be completed within 6 hours for patients with severe sepsis, septic shock, and/or lactate >4 mmol/L.

- 1. Intravenous fluid challenge.
- 2. Intravenous antibiotics.
- 3. Oxygen and monitor urine output.
- 4. Blood cultures.
- 5. Full blood count.
- 6. Lactate measurement.

Universal Precautions

- For surgeons treating infected or 'at-risk' patients to have hepatitis, HIV infection Particularly important with splashing/aerosol formation and power tools.

CDC's Universal Precautions:

- Full-face mask or protective spectacles.
- Waterproof, disposable gowns and drapes.
- Boots (no clogs) for injury prevention.
- Double gloving.
- Limited personnel in theatre.
- Minimal movement in theatre.
- Respect for sharps.
- Meticulous operative technique.

