Surgical Site Infections from Abdominal Hysterectomies in Mississippi, 2014

Surgical site infections from colon surgeries (SSI:Colo) are bacterial infections that occur after a colon surgery in the area where the procedure was performed. These can include superficial infections, which involves the skin only, deep infections, which involves the tissue under the skin, and organ space, which involves the organs affected by the procedure and materials put in place during the procedure. Some symptoms of SSI:Colo include fever, pain in the abdomen, and tenderness, redness, and pus around the incision site. In 2014, CMS only required inpatient colon procedures performed at acute care facilities to be reported. This requirement began in January 2012.

Number of Facilities that Performed Colon Surgeries: 43
Number of SSIs:Colo Reported: 135
Infection Rate: 4.36 infections per 100 colon surgeries performed
Comparison to 2006-2008 National Baseline: below (30%)
Comparison to 2013 Infection Rates: no significant difference
Comparison to HHS Target: above (0.43%)
Estimated Excess Costs Spent on SSI:Colo Treatment in 2014: $2,472,120 - $7,218,315

SSI:Colo SIRs by Quarter, Acute Care Facilities, Mississippi, 2012-2014

*The original HHS Target (SIR=0.75) expired December 31, 2013.
A proposal was made for a new Target in Fall 2013 (SIR=0.70).
SSI: Colo Rates (per 100 colon surgeries performed) by Public Health District, Acute Care Facilities, Mississippi, 2014

For more information on facility reporting of SSIs: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/ssi/index.html