

The Prevention of Postoperative Infection in Digestive Surgery

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Abstract : In the field of digestive surgery it is important to check for the occurrence of postoperative infections to ensure that the postoperative recovery is progressing smoothly. The guidelines for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection (SSI) established by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the USA in 1999 give clear and precise measures for preventing postoperative infection. We describe the introduction of these SSI guidelines and also describe our implementation of such guidelines in the field of digestive surgery.

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