

Surgical Care Improvement/Surgical Infection Prevention

Key Indicators	Mercy Sioux City (1)	National Average (2)	State Average (2)	Top 10% of Hospitals Nationwide (2)
Percent of surgery patients who were given an antibiotic at the right time (within one hour before surgery) to help prevent infection	95%	86%	85%	98%
Percent of surgery patients who were given the right kind of antibiotic to help prevent infection	96%	92%	92%	99%
Percent of surgery patients whose preventive antibiotics were stopped at the right time (within 24 hours after surgery)	92%	84%	83%	98%
Percent of all heart surgery patients whose blood sugar (blood glucose) is kept under good control in the days right after surgery	95%	85%	81%	100%
Percent of surgery patients needing hair removed from the surgical area before surgery, who had hair removed using a safer method (electric clippers or hair removal cream not a razor)	100%	95%	95%	100%
Percent of surgery patients whose doctors ordered treatments to prevent blood clots after certain types of surgeries	99%	84%	84%	98%
Percent of patients who got treatment at the right time (within 24 hours before or after their surgery) to help prevent blood clots after certain types of surgery	96%	81%	83%	97%

*The percentage includes only patients whose history and condition indicate the treatment is appropriate. Talk to your doctor if you have questions about your treatment.

(1) Hospital data time period: September 2008 – February 2009.

(2) National average, State average, and Top 10% of hospitals nationwide were obtained from the Hospital Compare website *on 1/19/2009*. The latest reporting period is July 2007 – June 2008 for all indicators.