

# CDC/NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual

## Summary of Updates, January 2025

Below is a summary of significant modifications for the NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual, which will go into effect January 1, 2025.

### NHSN Overview

No significant changes.

### Monthly Reporting Plan and Annual Facility Survey

No significant changes.

### Same Day Outcome Measures

No significant changes.

### Surgical Site Infection Surveillance

#### Addition:

- Added 'or re-accessed' to the deliberate opening element of Superficial Incisional SSI 'c' and Deep Incisional SSI 'b'.
- Added examples of gross anatomic evidence of organ/space infection in the comments of organ/space SSI.
- Planned/staged returns to the OR will be excluded from consideration as 'deliberate opening' for Deep Incisional SSI 'b'.

#### Clarification:

- Clarified that Organ/Space SSI involves the organ/space tissues [deeper than the muscle/fascia].
- Clarified the DOE is the date of the first element used to meet the SSI criteria at the deepest tissue level for the criteria that is met.

**Deletion:**

- Removed 'redness/warmth/swelling' from the diagnosis of cellulitis of the Superficial Incision SSI reporting instruction.

**Notes:**

The OPC FAQ section has been re-ordered/re-numbered.

**Key Terms**

**Addition:** None.

**Clarification:** None.

**Deletion:** Removed date of event (DOE) synonyms: 'Event date' and 'Infection date'.