

Information required

Definitions and instructions for data entry

Surgery since admission

Enter + in the appropriate box if the patient has undergone surgery during this hospital admission. Leave blank if no surgery during this hospital admission. The patient's case notes should be reviewed to determine whether the patient has undergone surgery on the current admission.

Surgery is defined as a procedure where an incision is made (not just a needle puncture), with breach of mucosa and/or skin – not necessarily in the operating theatre. The purpose of surgery should be primarily therapeutic. Note that the following procedures are **NOT** regarded as surgical procedures:

- Endoscopic procedures (OGD, colonoscopy, ERCP, bronchoscopy)
- Percutaneous angioplasty (coronary, cerebral or peripheral vascular)
- Percutaneous drainage of a collection (e.g., in interventional radiology)
- Insertion of a central vascular catheter
- Insertion of an intra-aortic balloon pump
- Insertion of an intercostal tube drain or chest drain
- Insertion of a percutaneous nephrostomy

Surgery in the last 24 hours

Enter + in the appropriate box if the patient has undergone surgery in the past 24 hours. Leave blank if no surgery in the past 24 hours

Central vascular catheter (CVC)

Enter + in the appropriate box if the patient has a central vascular catheter (CVC) *in situ* at the time of survey (e.g., CVC, vascath, portacath, midline, PICC, permcath are included here).

Leave blank if no CVC *in situ*.

A CVC is defined 'as an intravascular catheter that terminates at or close to the heart or in one of the great vessels which is used for infusion, withdrawal of blood, or hemodynamic monitoring. The device must terminate in one of these vessels or in or near the heart to qualify as a central line.

Pacemaker wires and other non-lumened devices inserted into central blood vessels or the heart are not considered central lines, because fluids are not infused, pushed, nor withdrawn through such devices.

Peripheral vascular catheter

Enter + in the appropriate box if the patient has a peripheral **venous** or **arterial** vascular catheter (PVC) *in situ* at the time of survey. Leave blank if no PVC *in situ*.

Urethral catheter

Enter + in the appropriate box if the patient has an indwelling URETHRAL catheter *in situ* at the time of survey. Leave blank if no urethral catheter *in situ*

Note – suprapubic, condom, self intermittent catheterisation, urostomy or nephrostomy are **NOT** urethral catheters and should **not** be recorded

Intubation

Enter + in the appropriate box if the patient is intubated with either an endotracheal tube or tracheostomy *in situ* at the time of survey

Patient on antimicrobials

Enter + in the appropriate box if the patient is receiving antimicrobials [antibacterials or antifungals] as recorded in the notes. Leave blank if the patient is not on antimicrobials:

1. Patient is prescribed at least one systemic antimicrobial agent via enteral (oral or rectal), parenteral (intravenous) or inhaled route at the time of the survey (including intermittent treatment e.g., a haemodialysis patient on vancomycin as per levels or a patient charted for medical prophylaxis on alternative days)
2. Patients who receive surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis **before 8am on the day of the survey and after 8am on the day before the survey** should be recorded as on antimicrobials

Note: Topical antimicrobials, antivirals, antiprotozoals, antihelminthics and treatment of tuberculosis (TB) are excluded