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[Surgical site infections \[1\]](#)

One of the current clinical improvement initiatives of the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council is preventing surgical site infections.

In 2015, the [Canadian Patient Safety Institute](#) [2] updated its tool kit *The Getting Started Kit for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection*, which was originally launched in 2005 to assist health-care providers in prioritizing and implementing surgical site infection prevention efforts.

Just recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published its first surgical site infection prevention update in 18 years: [Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection](#) [3]. Non-hospital medical and surgical facilities should review these updated evidence-based guidelines and incorporate any necessary practice changes into their surgical quality improvement programs.

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