

Table 1A
Los Angeles County High Desert Health System
Assessment for Post Op Surgical Site Infection

Instructions:

All patients presenting to Ambulatory Care are to be assessed for possible Post-Operative Surgical Site Infections (SSIs).

1. Ask the patient if he/she had a surgical procedure done at HDHS ASC within the last 90 days.
 - a. If no, STOP. Do not report to Infection Prevention and Control.
 - b. If yes, proceed to question #2.

2. Ask the patient if he/she is presenting to the clinic with any of the following complaints related to the surgical procedure done at HDHS ASC within the last 90 days:
 - a. Pain
 - b. Fever
 - c. Tiredness
 - d. Redness at site
 - e. Swelling at site
 - f. Warmth at site
 - g. Abscess
 - h. Cellulitis
 - i. Necrosis
 - j. Purulent drainage/Discharge at site
 - k. Dehiscence/Wound opening

3.
 - A. If the patient does not report any of the above complaints, then STOP. Do not report to the Infection Prevention and Control Office.

 - B. If the patient does report any of the above complaints, then send Post Op Wound Infection Report form (fax: 661-524-2970 or mail) or call (661-471-4260) the Infection Prevention and Control Office to report the possible SSI.

Table 1B
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