

Surgical Care Improvement/Surgical Infection Prevention

Key Indicators	Mercy Dubuque (1)	National Average (2)	State Average (2)	Top 10% of Hospitals Nationwide (2)
Percent of surgery patients who were taking heart drugs called beta blockers before coming to the hospital, who were kept on beta blockers during the period just before and after their surgery	98%	87%	83%	100%
Percent of surgery patients who were given an antibiotic at the right time (within one hour before surgery) to help prevent infection	97%	92%	93%	100%
Percent of surgery patients who were given the right kind of antibiotic to help prevent infection	99%	95%	95%	100%
Percent of surgery patients whose preventive antibiotics were stopped at the right time (within 24 hours after surgery)	97%	90%	92%	99%
Percent of all heart surgery patients whose blood sugar (blood glucose) is kept under good control in the days right after surgery	97%	91%	90%	99%
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)	99%	98%	99%	100%
Percent of surgery patients whose doctors ordered treatments to prevent blood clots after certain types of surgeries	92%	88%	86%	100%
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	88%	87%	84%	100%

*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: *October 2009 – March 2010.*

(2) National average, State average, and Top 10% of hospitals nationwide were obtained from the Hospital Compare website *on July 28, 2010*. The latest reporting period is *October 2008 – September 2009* for all indicators.

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