

# Surgical Care Improvement Project

Higher Percentages Are Better (some of the recommended care given to patients if appropriate\*)

Hospital Process of Care Measure	UNITED STATES AVERAGE	IOWA AVERAGE	Percentage for MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-DES MOINES
Percent of surgery patients who were given an antibiotic at the <b>right time</b> (within one hour before surgery) to help prevent infection	89%	85%	93% of 547 patients <sup>2</sup>
Percent of surgery patients who were given the <b>right kind</b> of antibiotic to help prevent infection	94%	93%	98% of 551 patients <sup>2</sup>
Percent of surgery patients whose preventive antibiotics were <b>stopped at the right time</b> (within 24 hours after surgery)	87%	85%	97% of 474 patients <sup>2</sup>
Percent of <b>all</b> heart surgery patients whose blood sugar (blood glucose) is kept under good control in the days right after surgery	85%	84%	79% of 170 patients <sup>2</sup>
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)	96%	96%	100% of 854 patients <sup>2</sup>
Percent of surgery patients <b>whose doctors ordered treatments to prevent blood clots</b> after certain types of surgeries	87%	84%	97% of 416 patients <sup>2</sup>
Percent of patients <b>who got treatment at the right time</b> (within 24 hours before or after their surgery) to help prevent blood clots after certain types of surgery	84%	83%	94% of 416 patients <sup>2</sup>

\* The percentage includes only patients whose history and condition indicate the treatment is appropriate. Talk to your health care provider if you have questions about your treatment.

2: The hospital indicated that the data submitted for this measure were based on a sample of cases.