

# Surgical Care Improvement Project Process of Care Measures

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

Hospital Process of Care Measures Tables	Average for all reporting hospitals in the U.S.	Average for all reporting hospitals in Iowa	MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-DES MOINES	Data Collected	
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Outpatients having surgery who got an antibiotic at the right time - within one hour before surgery (higher numbers are better)	92%	93%	93% of 489 patients	7/1/2009	3/31/2010
Outpatients having surgery who got the right kind of antibiotic (higher numbers are better)	94%	98%	97% of 486 patients	7/1/2009	3/31/2010
Surgery patients who were taking heart drugs called beta blockers before coming to the hospital, who were kept on the beta blockers during the period just before and after their surgery	92%	93%	94% of 318 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010
Surgery patients who were given an antibiotic at the right time (within one hour before surgery) to help prevent infection	96%	97%	96% of 544 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010
Surgery patients who were given the right kind of antibiotic to help prevent infection	97%	98%	99% of 551 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010
Surgery patients whose preventive antibiotics were stopped at the right time (within 24 hours after surgery)	94%	95%	96% of 493 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010
Heart surgery patients whose blood sugar (blood glucose) is kept under good control in the days right after surgery	93%	89%	79% of 182 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010
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%	100%	100% of 794 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010
 Surgery patients whose urinary catheters were removed on the first or second day after surgery.	89%	90%	81% of 63 patients <sup>2</sup>	1/1/2010	3/31/2010
Surgery patients whose doctors ordered treatments to prevent blood clots after certain types of surgeries	94%	93%	98% of 201 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010
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	92%	92%	97% of 201 patients <sup>2</sup>	4/1/2009	3/31/2010

<sup>2</sup> The hospital indicated that the data submitted for this measure were based on a sample of cases.