

Laminectomy wound infection

Laminectomy wound infection Occurs in 0.9–5% of cases.

May range from superficial to severe dehiscent **wound infection** to deeper infection (**discitis/osteomyelitis** ± **epidural abscess**). The risk is increased with **age**, long term **steroid** use, **obesity**, and possibly **DM**. Intraoperative mild **hypothermia** (as commonly occurs in the operating room) may also increase the risk of **wound infection** (as demonstrated with colorectal resection). Most are caused by *S. aureus*.

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