

Surgical site infection classification

SSIs are classified into incisional SSIs, which can be superficial or deep, and organ/space SSIs, which affect the rest of the body other than the body wall layers.

These classifications are defined as follows:

Superficial incisional SSI - Infection involves only skin and subcutaneous tissue of incision

Deep incisional SSI - Infection involves deep tissues, such as fascial and muscle layers; this also includes infection involving both superficial and deep incision sites and organ/space SSI draining through incision.

see [Deep wound infection](#)

Organ/space SSI - Infection involves any part of the anatomy in organs and spaces other than the incision, which was opened or manipulated during operation.

see [Laminectomy wound infection](#)

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