



Antibiotic Prophylaxis for Surgical Site Infection in General Surgery

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Surgical site infection (SSI) is associated with prolonged hospital stay, increased morbidity, mortality and sanitary costs, and reduced patient quality of life. Many hospitals have adopted guidelines of scientifically validated processes for the prevention of surgical site infections and sepsis. Antibiotic prophylaxis is among the most important and discussed issues in this field. Moreover, antibiotic prophylaxis carried out without appropriate indications can worsen the antibiotic resistance burden. A review of the best available evidence of these measures in general surgery will be presented. It will comprise 12 articles for different general surgery subspecialist areas: (1) antibiotic prophylaxis: torment and ecstasy; (2) upper gastrointestinal; (3) lower gastrointestinal; (4) hepatobiliary; (5) pancreatic; (6) endocrine; (7) breast; (8) abdominal wall; (9) acute care surgery; (10) oncological treatments and HIPEC; (11) vascular surgery; and (12) thoracic surgery.





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