



# Engaging your Hospital's Anesthesiology Department in Infection Prevention

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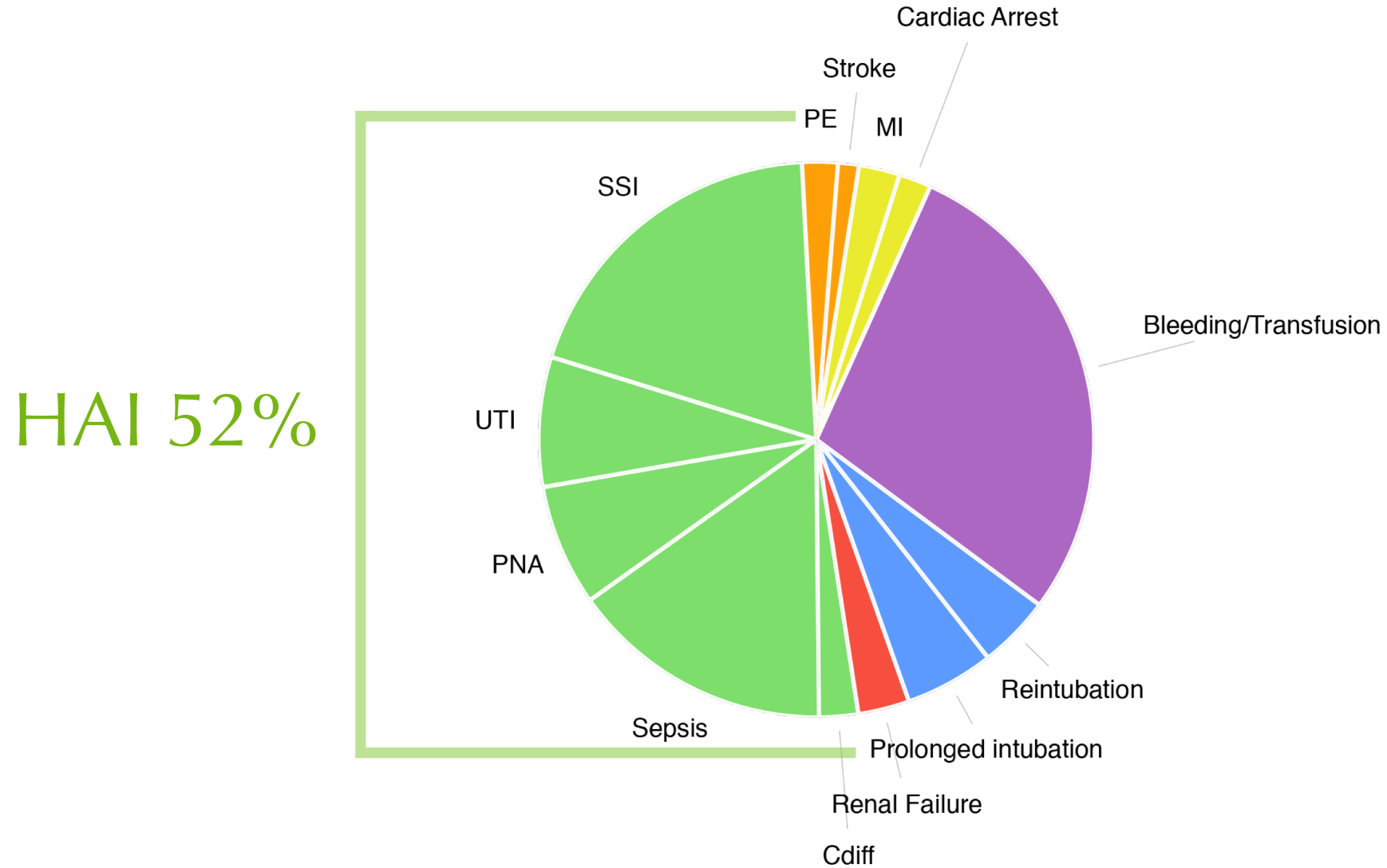
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# 2017 NSQIP Outcomes Data

1,028,713 cases from 708 NSQIP-participating sites





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- Review recent SHEA guidelines for infection control in anesthesia
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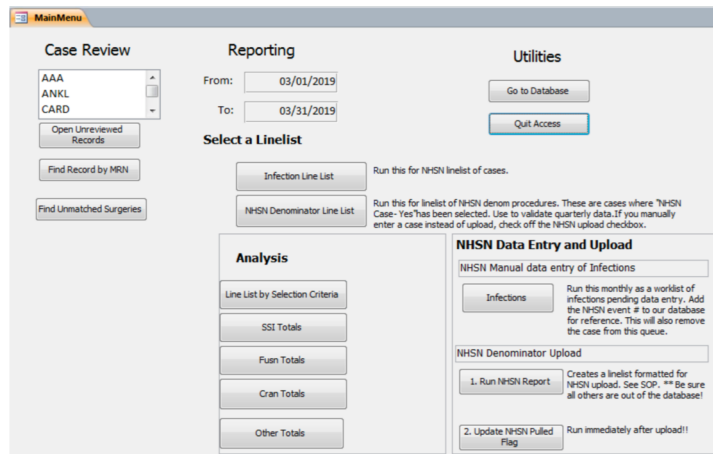


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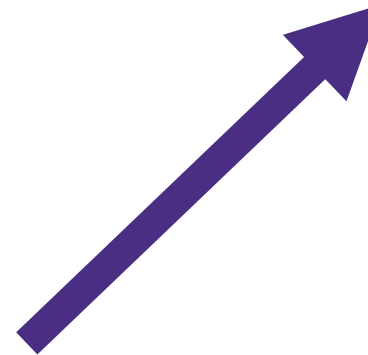
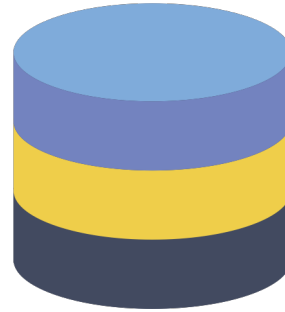
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# Power of Your Surveillance Data



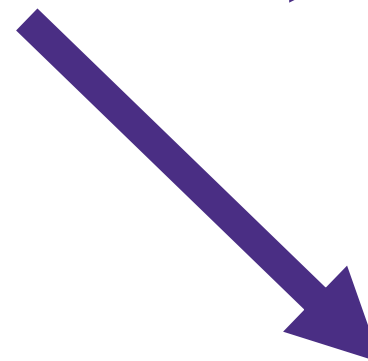
The screenshot shows a web application interface for NHSN data entry and upload. It is divided into several sections: **Case Review** with a dropdown menu (AAA, ANKL, CARD) and buttons for 'Open Unreviewed Records', 'Find Record by MRN', and 'Find Unmatched Surgeries'; **Reporting** with date range selectors (From: 03/01/2019, To: 03/31/2019) and buttons for 'Go to Database' and 'Quit Access'; **Select a Linelist** with buttons for 'Infection Line List' and 'NHSN Denominator Line List'; **Analysis** with buttons for 'Line List by Selection Criteria', 'SSI Totals', 'Fun Totals', 'Cran Totals', and 'Other Totals'; and **NHSN Data Entry and Upload** with sections for 'NHSN Manual data entry of Infections' (including an 'Infections' button) and 'NHSN Denominator Upload' (including buttons for '1. Run NHSN Report' and '2. Update NHSN Pulled Flag').



Quality Assurance



Quality Improvement



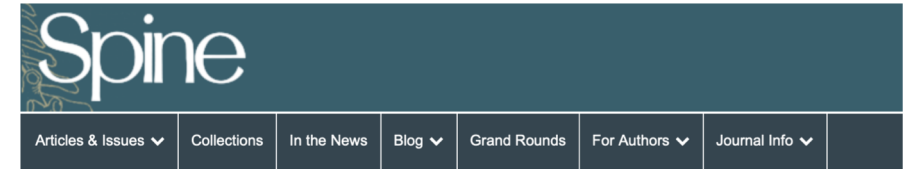
Building Partnerships

# Spine Care at HMC

1,000 spinal fusions per year

Diverse, medical complex population

“EPOC” spine pathway



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## Enhanced Perioperative Care for Major Spine Surgery

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Abstract

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**Study Design.** The enhanced perioperative care (EPOC) program is an institutional quality improvement initiative. We used a historically controlled study design to evaluate patients who underwent major spine surgery before and after the implementation of the EPOC program.

**Objective.** To determine whether multidisciplinary EPOC program was associated with an improvement in clinical and financial outcomes for elective adult major spine surgery patients.

**Summary of Background Data.** The enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) programs successfully implemented in hip and knee replacement surgeries, and improved clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction.

**Methods.** We compared 183 subjects in traditional care (TRDC) group to 267 intervention period (EPOC) in a single academic quaternary spine surgery referral center. One hundred eight subjects in no pathway (NOPW) care group was also examined to exclude if the observed changes between the EPOC and TRDC groups might be due to concurrent changes in practice or population over the same time period. Our primary outcome variables were hospital and intensive care unit lengths of stay and the secondary outcomes were postoperative complications, 30-day hospital readmission and cost.

**Results.** In this highly complex patient population, we observed a reduction in mean hospital length of stay (HLOS) between TRDC versus EPOC groups (8.2 vs. 6.1 d, standard deviation [SD] = 6.3 vs. 3.6,  $P < 0.001$ ) and intensive care unit length of stay (ILOS) (3.1 vs. 1.9 d, SD = 4.7 vs. 1.4,  $P = 0.01$ ). The number (rate) of postoperative intensive care unit (ICU) admissions was higher for the TRDC  $n = 109$  (60%) than the EPOC  $n = 129$  (48%) ( $P = 0.02$ ). There was no difference in postoperative complications and 30-day hospital readmissions.

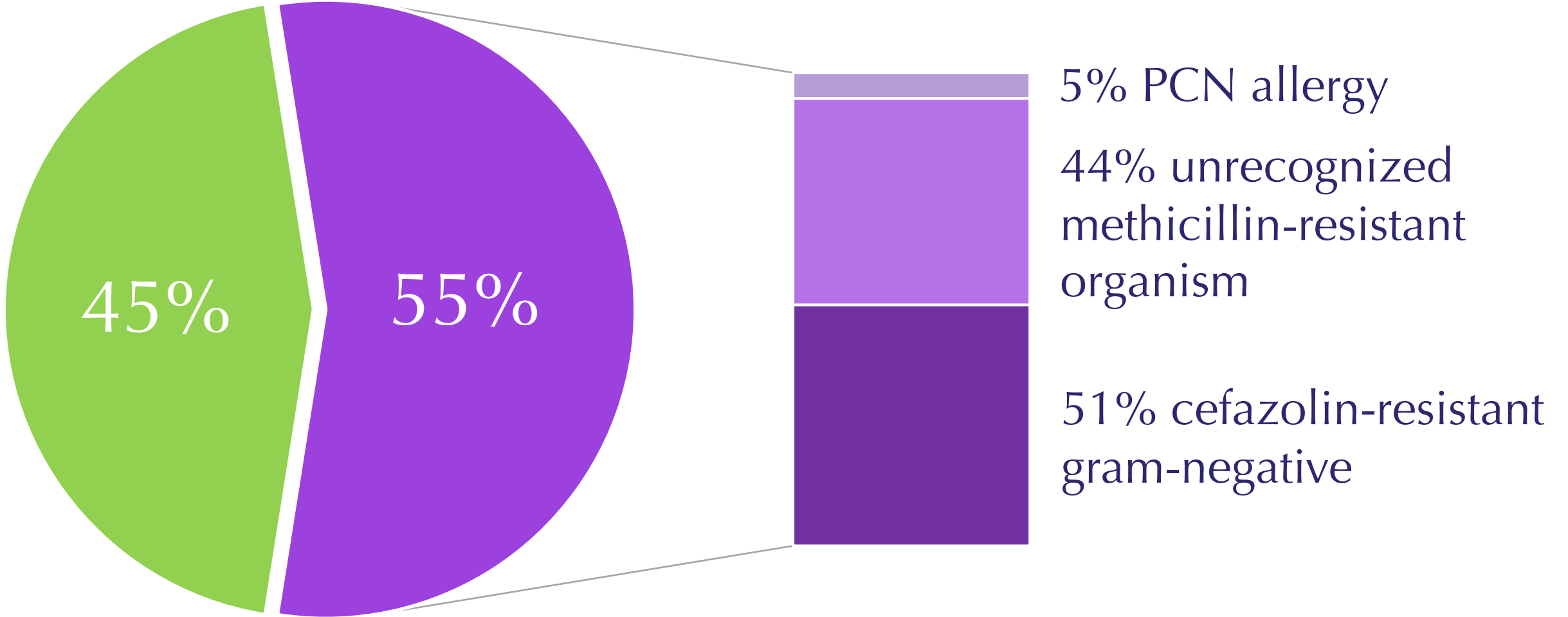
# Quality Assurance

Are we effectively screening preoperative patients for MRSA?

Are MRSA+ receiving prophylaxis including vancomycin?

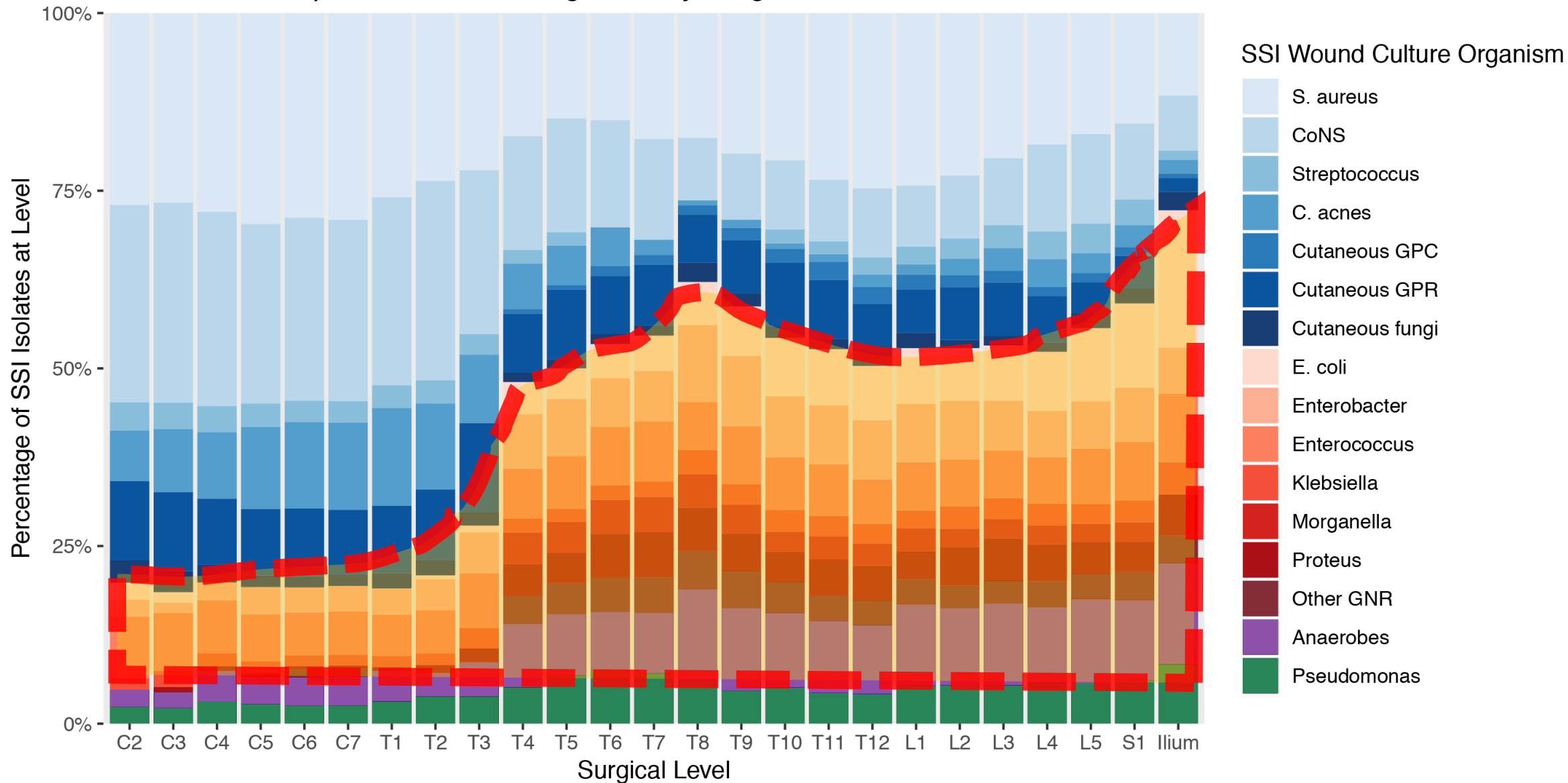
How are we doing at addressing PCN “allergies”?

# Quality Improvement



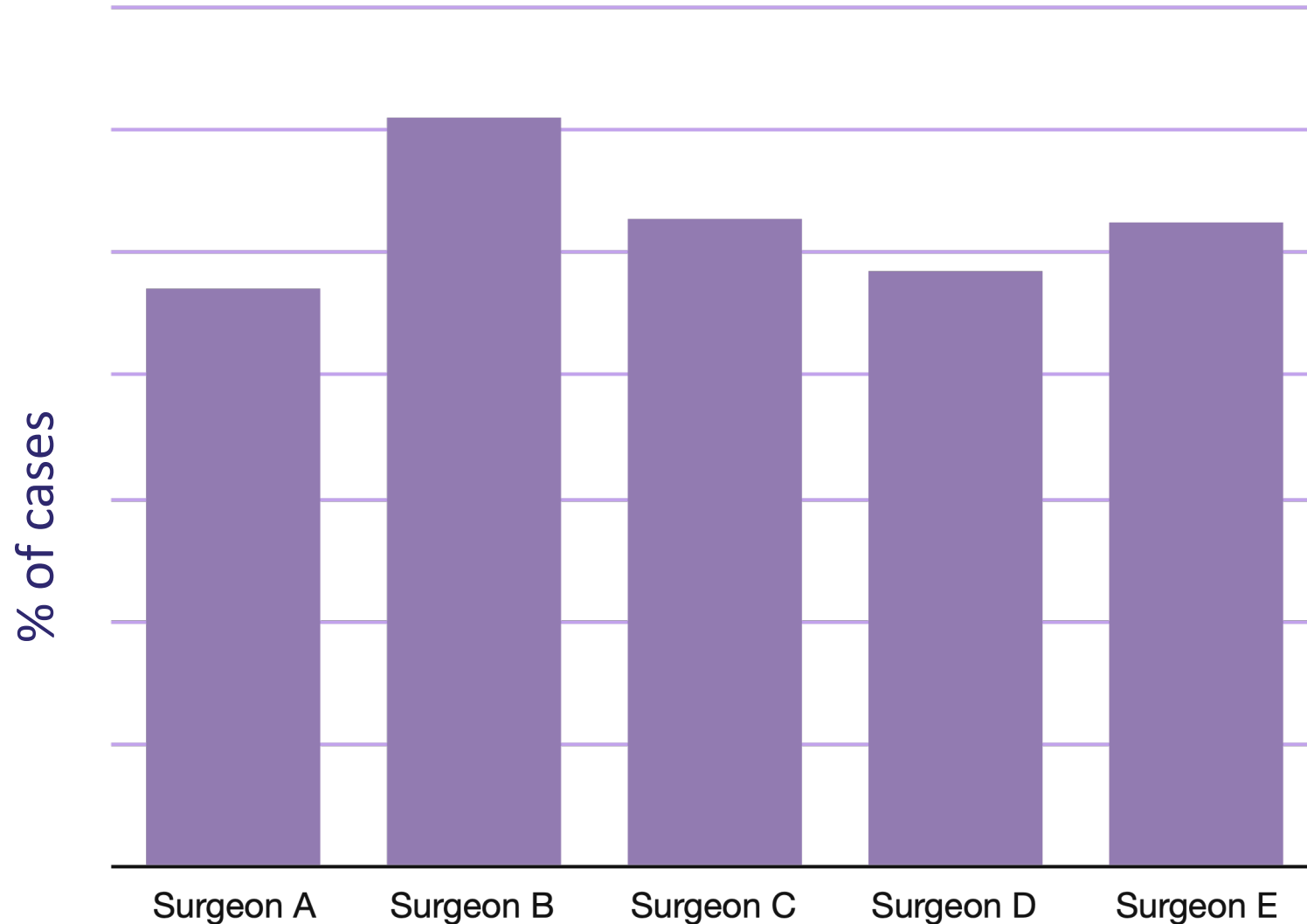
# Quality Improvement

## Spinal Fusion SSI Organism by Surgical Anatomic Level



# Partnership Building

SSI Rate by Attending Surgeon



# Partnership Building



# Audience Feedback

Have you made any changes in surgical prophylaxis recommendations based on your local microbiology or hospital antibiogram?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Not sure



“Selection of antimicrobial drugs for SSI prophylaxis or treatment among liver transplant or kidney transplant recipients should be informed by local pathogen and antimicrobial resistance data.”

*Rates and Causative Pathogens of Surgical Site Infections Attributed to Liver, Kidney, and Heart Transplant Procedures, 2015 – 2017 (Chea N., Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, CDC. SHEA 2019 Poster Presentation)*

# Open Question to Audience

How do you administer vancomycin in a timely fashion when indicated for surgical prophylaxis?



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# SHEA Guidelines

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## SHEA Expert Guidance

### Infection prevention in the operating room anesthesia work area

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#### Purpose

The potential for clinically significant microbial cross transmission in the intraoperative environment poses a threat to patient safety. A growing body of literature has shown contamination in the anesthesia work area, including the anesthesia medical work

comprehensive, and multidisciplinary, and that will allocate hospital resources to educate healthcare personnel and to acquire new infection prevention and control components (eg, single-use laryngoscopes). Facilities should consider this guidance document in revisions of their anesthesia OR policies.

This guidance builds on the foundational premise that all

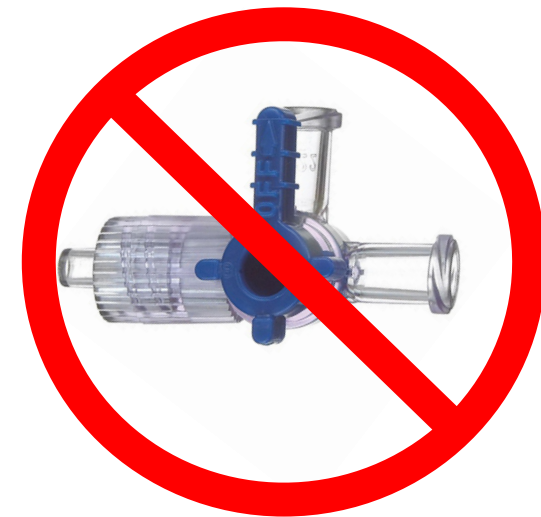
# SHEA Guidelines

- Hand hygiene in the OR
  - Availability of alcohol-based hand rub
  - Double gloving for intubation?
  - Hand sanitizer on gloves for task-dense activities?
  - “Wearable” hand sanitizer
- Environmental cleanliness and disinfection
  - Clean and dirty “zones”
  - Single-use laryngoscopes



# SHEA Guidelines

- Medication cleanliness
  - Pharmacy-prepared infusions
  - Commercial prefilled syringes
  - Single-patient-use medication vials
- IV contamination
  - Scrubbing injection ports
  - Covering stopcocks with claws



# Audience Feedback

Is there dedicated alcohol based hand sanitizer at the anesthesia workspace at your hospital?

- a) Don't know
- b) Yes
- c) Sometimes but not consistently
- d) No or rarely



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# Anesthesia & Infection Prevention

- Finding a local champion
- Recognizing differences between OR and other hospital environments
- Choosing your battles
- Inviting participation outside of the OR

# Audience Feedback

What has your experience been working with your local anesthesiology department to implement infection control or stewardship measures?

- a) None or minimal
- b) Mostly positive
- c) So-so
- d) Mostly negative

# Wrap-Up

- Power of surveillance data and records of stewardship interventions
- Adapting surgical prophylaxis based on local data?
- SHEA guidelines: preventing spread of resistance in OR
- Engaging with anesthesiology in infection prevention



# Additional Slides

# Open Question to Audience

Is your hospital doing anything novel in infection prevention or stewardship related to surgical site infection?

# Quality Improvement

