



CATS Decrease **Surgical Site Infections**

Hair Removal:

If hair must be removed from the surgical site, clippers are the best option. *Never use a razor.*

Clippers

Prophylactic Antibiotics:

Antibiotics consistent with national guidelines should be administered within 1 hour of incision time and discontinued within 24 hours, in most cases.

Antibiotics

Normothermia:

Colorectal surgery patients should be normothermic (96.8–100.4° F) within the first hour after surgery.

Temperature

Glucose Control:

Cardiac surgery patients should have controlled 6 a.m. serum glucose (≤ 200 mg/dL) on postoperative Day 1

Sugar

Additional information about reducing surgical site infections is available at www.medqic.org.



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