

Surgical Site Infection:

Preventing infection after surgery is a top priority for our spine team. Most patients that have surgery never develop any type of surgical site infection, but we want to share with you the symptoms of an infection and ways you as the patient can help prevent infection during your stay and once you are home.

Symptoms of Infection:

- Redness, warmth, and increased pain at the incision site
- Fever
- Cloudy or foul smelling drainage from your surgical site



Infection Prevention:

- **ALWAYS** wash your hands before and after contact with your surgical site
- Inspect your incision often for signs of infection, if you cannot see your incision ask a loved one to look
- Make sure you fully understand any dressing or incision care needed **BEFORE** you leave the hospital
- Keep pets away from your incision
- **Call your provider immediately if you notice any of the above signs of infection. (920) 725-9373**

