

Preventing Caesarean Birth Surgical Site Infection

PreCiSSIon is a new collaborative to reduce Surgical Site Infections (SSI) following caesarean birth in all acute maternity units in the West of England region. SSI can have an enormous impact on mothers caring for their newborn baby and by implementing the PreCiSSIon bundle below we can all beat SSI together.

These evidence-based measures should be used in all patients undergoing caesarean birth:

Skin prep with 2% Chlorhexidine with 2 minutes drying time



Abdominal wall sheath and skin closure with antimicrobial triclosan coated sutures



Second dose of antibiotics if more than 1500ml blood loss



Use of Alexis wound protector for BMI over 45 at time of booking



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