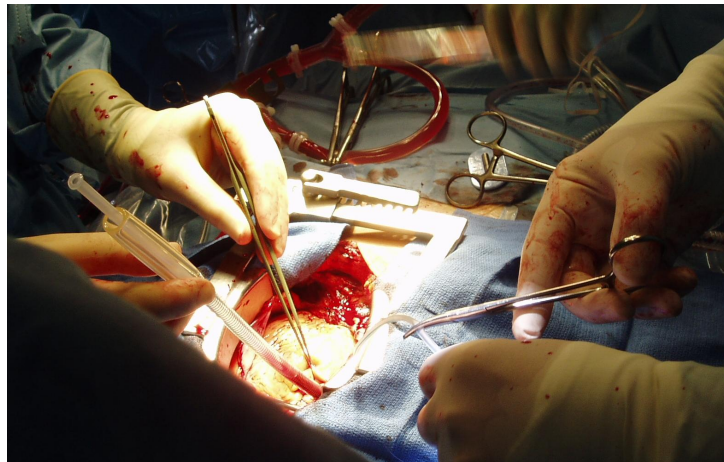




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A hygienic intervention program decreased post-operative wound infections following CABG



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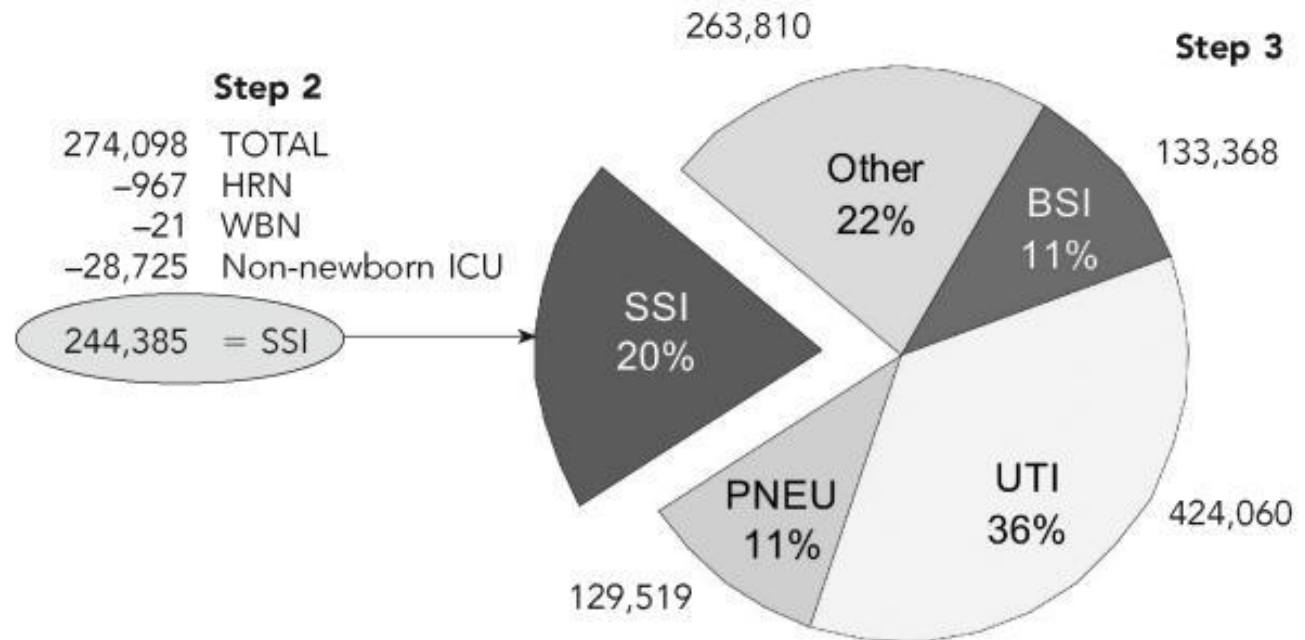
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Surgical site infections



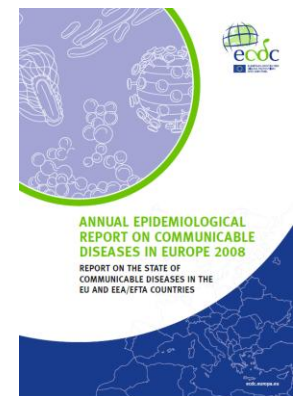
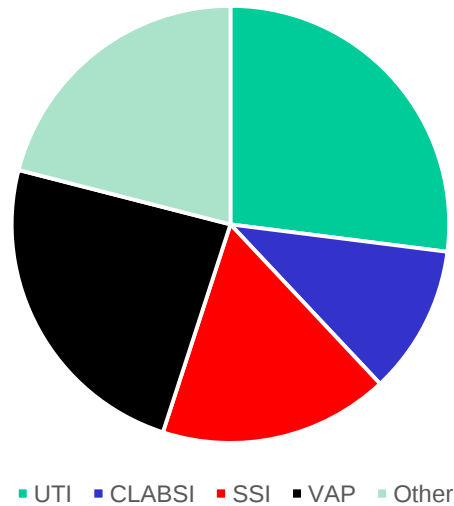
CDC, 2007



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Health-care associated infections Europe 2008





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By procedures

TABLE 4. Distribution of Procedure-Associated Infections Reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network, by Type of Surgery, 2009–2010

Type of surgery	No. (%) of SSIs
Orthopedic ^a	6,486 (40.5)
Abdominal ^b	3,598 (22.5)
Cardiac ^c	3,508 (21.9)
Ob/gyn ^d	1,543 (9.6)
Neurological ^e	386 (2.4)
Vascular ^f	245 (1.5)
Transplant ^g	160 (1.0)
Breast ^h	64 (0.4)
Neck ⁱ	14 (0.1)
Other ^j	15 (0.1)
Total	16,019 (100)



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Sir James Simpson (1867)

"The man laid on the operating table on our surgical hospital is exposed to more chances of death than the English soldier on the field of Waterloo".





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Consequences US data 2002

- Mortality 3 %
- Costs
10.000 – 25.000 USD per SSI

*Complicated re-operations, prolonged hospital stay,
prolonged AB-therapy, sick leave*

Estimating Health Care-Associated Infections and Deaths in U.S. Hospitals, 2002

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Mediastinitis

- Incidence 1-2 %
- Mortality 50 %
- Cost 50 000 USD
per case

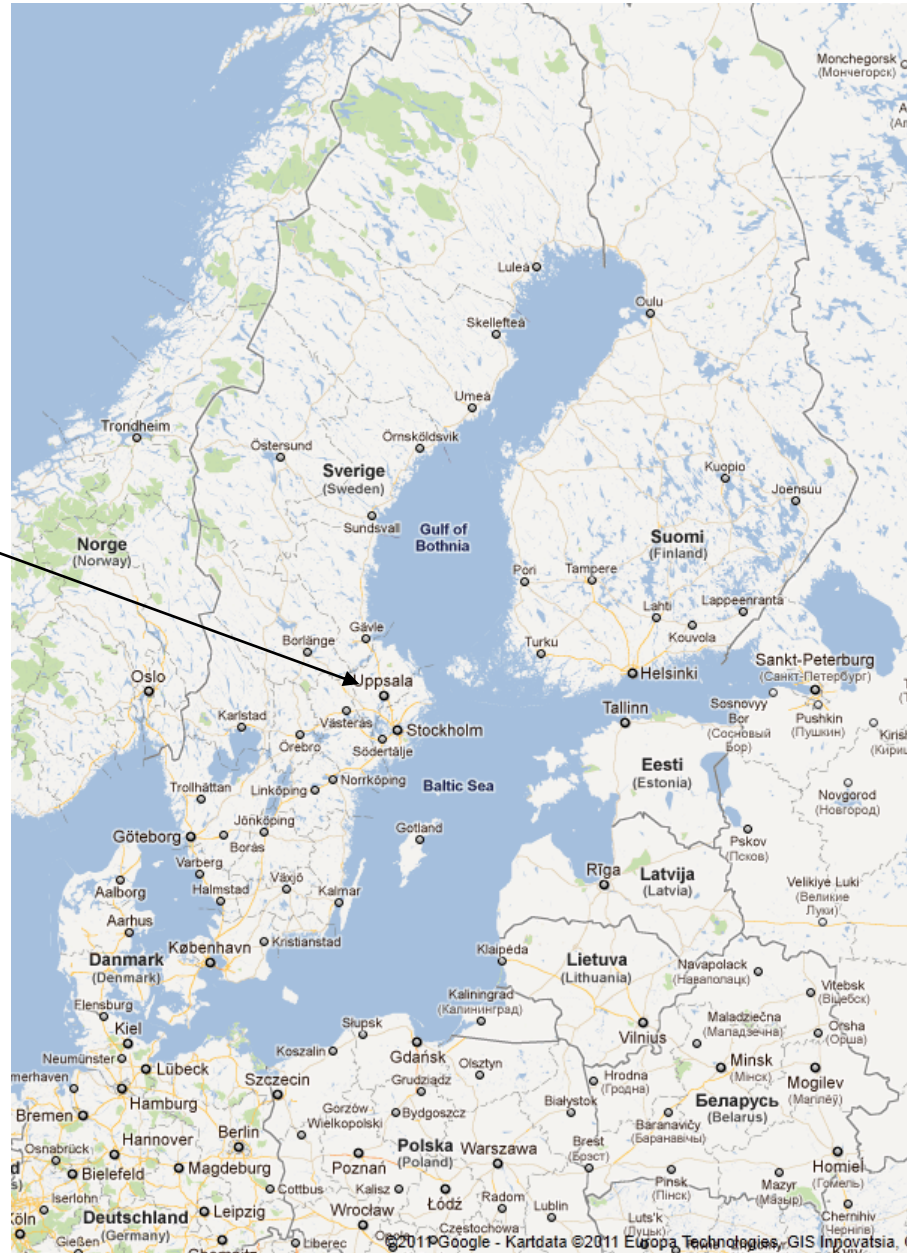


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Highly specialised public hospital

- 1100 beds
- 80 wards 20-25 patients
- 5 intensive care units
- 10 % of beds in single rooms with en-suite bathrooms





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Burn's unit
Cardiothorasic surgery
Neurosurgery
Neonatal care

For at region of 3 million
citizens

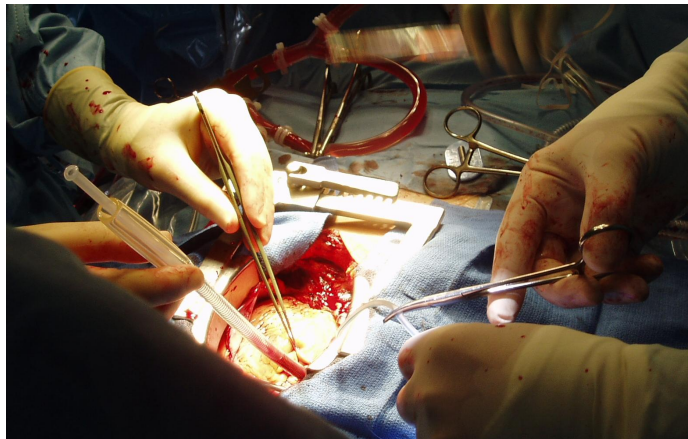




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700 open heart surgeries annually
250 CABG isolated operations





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Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at UUH

1. Operating theatre with 5 OR
2. Postoperative ICU 14 beds
3. Ward 25 beds

One boss



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September 2009

- Chief epidemiologist at the Department of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention
- Closed the department for one week
- Swedish Communicable Diseases Act



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The Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee

CDC guidelines



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Excellent compilation of evidence



World Health
Organization

Patient Safety

A World Alliance for Safer Health Care

WHO Guidelines for Safe Surgery 2009

Safe Surgery Saves Lives



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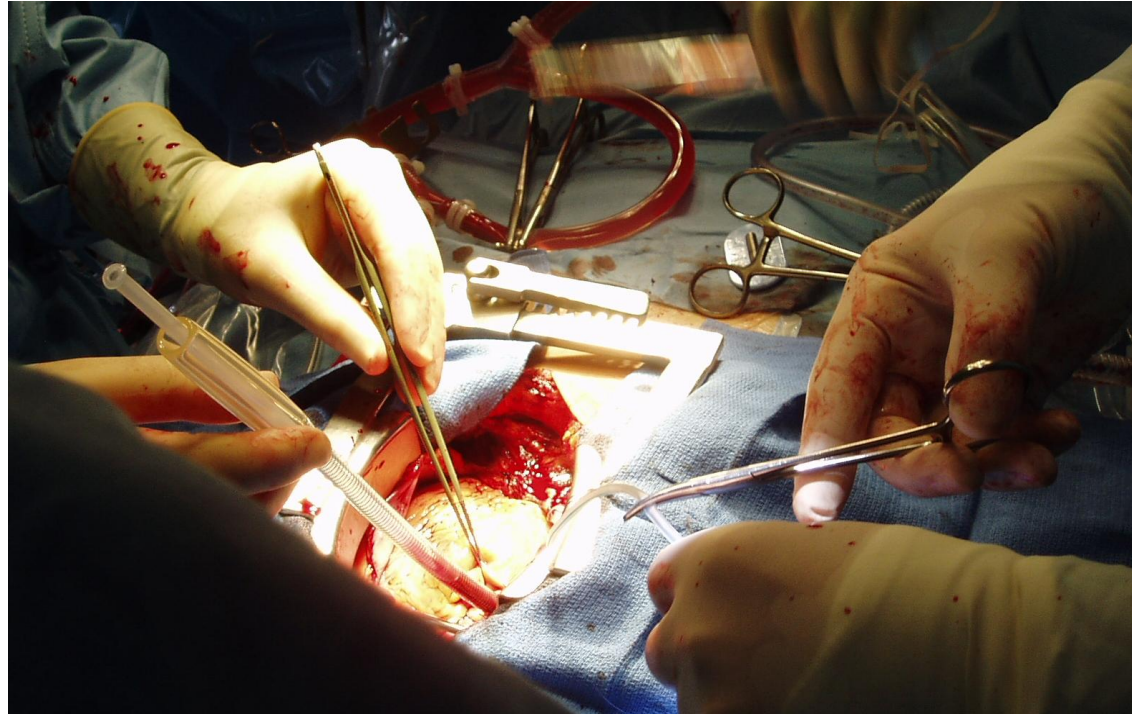
Sir John Charnley (1911-1982)





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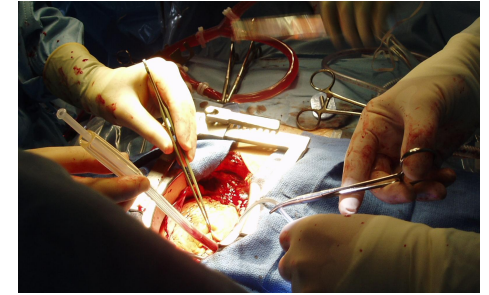
Three fundamental principles



1. Deep SSI rise from bacteria inoculated in the wound during operation



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2. Infection depends on

number of microorganisms x virulence

patient's immune system

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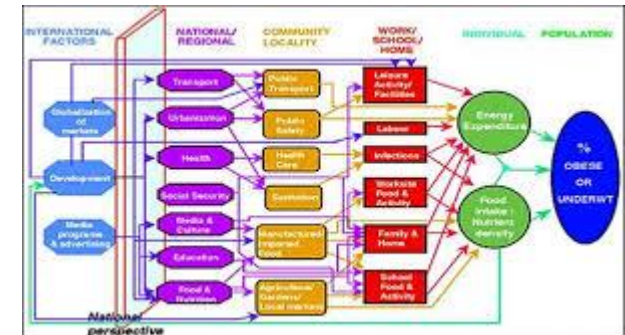
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3. SSI are multifactorial



”Web of causation”



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How could it happen?

In my hospital???





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✓ Infection control team





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✓ Hospital wide hand hygiene guidelines

Alcohol-based disinfectant...





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Before and after



tending to at patient



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✓ Uniform code

- Short sleeves
- No rings
- No wristwatches
- No bracelets

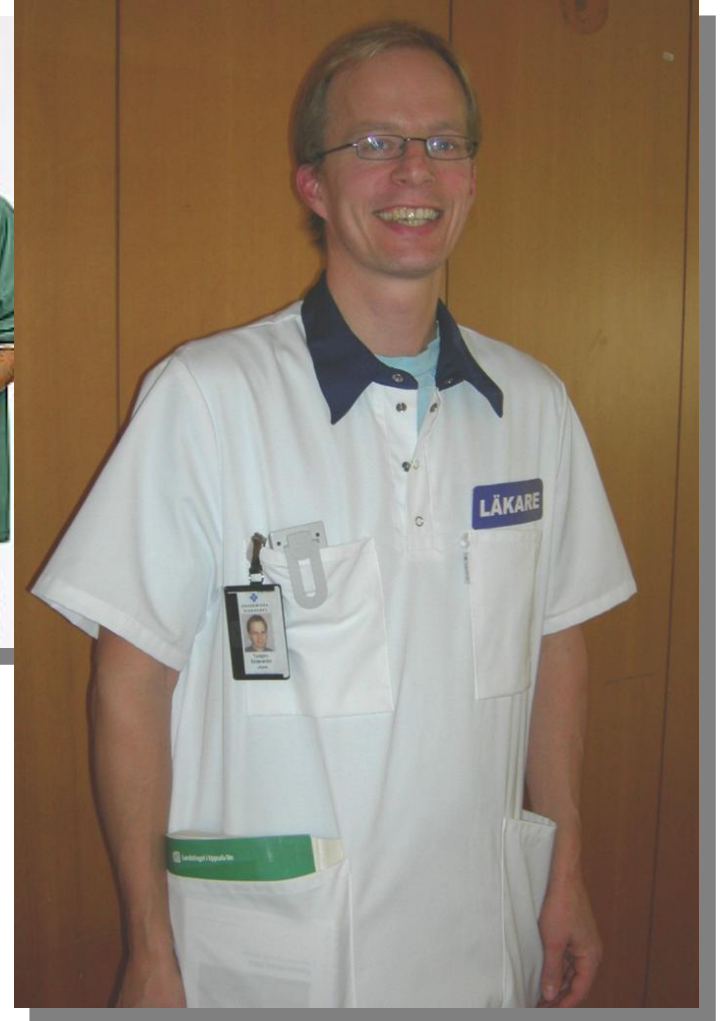
*Makes proper disinfection of
hands possible*





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All categories of staff



*clothes gets
contaminated
change every day*



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Gowns or aprons

*close contact
to patient and
patient's bed*





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Gloves



*only when risk of touching
secretions, excretions risk and
contaminated and dirty
equipment*



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✓ Dress code in OR



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Clean air suites
according to
standards



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Water proof scrubsuit

Caps

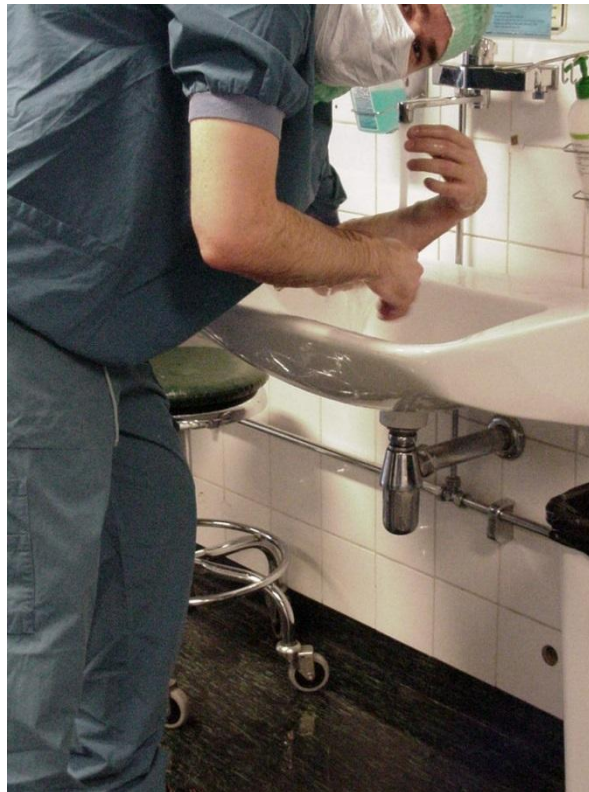
Masks





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✓ Hand disinfection routines





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✓ Patient's skin whole body wash

- Two whole body washes with 4 % chlorhexidine detergent
24 h pre-operatively
- Surgical field disinfected with chlorhexidine 5mg/ml in 70% ethanol by the OR nurse in OR



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✓ Hair removal

- Chest and leg clipping machine
- No razors



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✓ Protocol for prophylaxis

- Cloxacillin (isoxazolyl-penicillin) 2 g >30 min before skin incision



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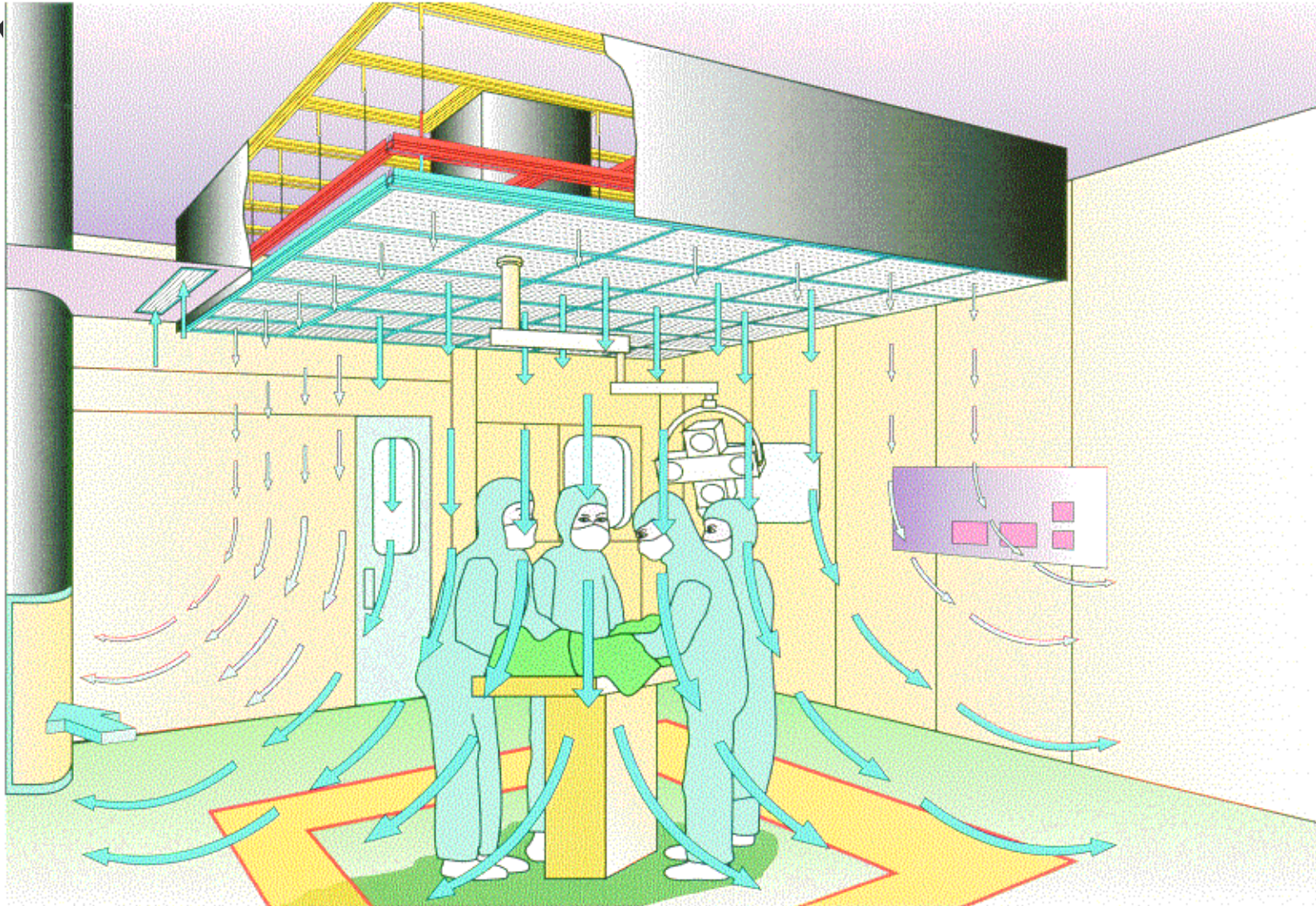
✓ Disinfection and sterilization process





✓ Ultra-clean air

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Active air sampling



Sartorius™ MD8 membrane impactor

✓ Air counts < 1 cfu/m³
in OR





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✓ Active surveillance

- Incidence of SSI monitored since 2000 at the department



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Root cause analysis

- One year 2009 - 2010
- Led by Chief Physiscian of Hospital

1.Preoperative team

2.Intraoperative team

3.Postoperative team

Identify, score and select risks for action
plan



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Early identified important problems

- No standard procedures among surgeons – surgical technique
- Weak leadership allowing subgroups and different cultures among staff
- Surgeons not responsible for their patients before and after surgery
- Hygiene guidelines ignored



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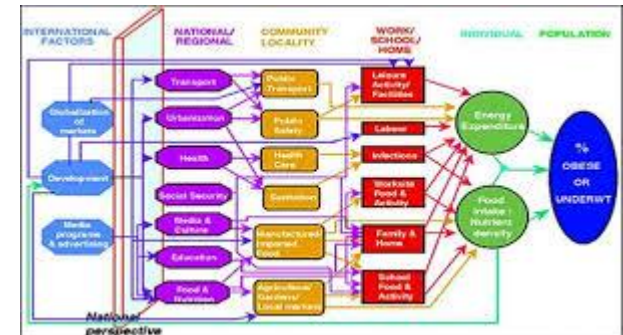
Lessons learned

- Guidelines and good facilities is not enough to prevent SSI
- Compliance to existing guidelines must be in place
- All staff engaged pulling at the same direction
- Culture, attitudes and leadership
- Procedures must be standardized



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When etiology is multifactorial



Systematic approach
-root-cause analysis

Root cause analysis improves teamwork All staff engaged towards common goal





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