

Costs associated with surgical site infections in Veterans Affairs hospitals.

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This analysis found that excess hospital costs are significant for patients who experience [surgical site infections](#) in the Veterans Affairs system. The authors highlight how adhering to proven practices to reduce [postoperative infections](#) provides an opportunity to enhance safety while decreasing costs.