

Hospital acquired infections in surgical patients: impact of COVID-19-related infection prevention measures.

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The [COVID-19 pandemic](#) led to changes in infection control and prevention [measures](#) to limit [nosocomial](#) spread. This retrospective cohort study found that escalations in infection prevention and control practices due to the COVID-19 pandemic did not affect the incidence of other [hospital-acquired infections](#) among surgical patients at one Australian hospital. The authors posit that this may be due to high compliance with existing infection prevention and control practices pre-pandemic.