

CDC/NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual

Summary of Updates, January 2024

Below is a summary of significant modifications for the NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component Manual, which will go into effect January 1, 2024.

NHSN Overview

No Significant Changes

Monthly Reporting Plan and Annual Facility Survey

No Significant Changes

Same Day Outcome Measures

Clarification:

- Clarification of the NHSN definition of an Ambulatory Surgery Center that should report into the Outpatient Procedure Component

Surgical Site Infection Surveillance

Addition:

- Reporting instructions for Superficial Incisional SSI criteria: added an additional clarifying note related to terms 'incision' and 'stab wound'.

Clarification:

- Clarification of the NHSN definition of an Ambulatory Surgery Center that should report into the Outpatient Procedure Component
- General - Organ/Space SSI criterion 'c' modified to include bullets to provide clarity (criteria remains the same).
- SSI event reporting instruction #8 updated to provide clarity around secondary incision sites.

Deletion: None.

Key Terms

Addition:

- Added the definition of 'Equivocal Imaging'.

Clarification:

- Clarification of the NHSN definition of an Ambulatory Surgery Center that should report into the Outpatient Procedure Component
- Clarification of fever as a vital sign.
- Clarification of 'In-Plan Surveillance'