# A study to determine the rate of infection of wounds from abdominal operations across Nigeria

Submission date	Recruitment status	Prospectively registered
05/07/2024	No longer recruiting	[X] Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
25/07/2024	Completed	Results
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29/07/2024	Surgery	[] Record updated in last year

#### Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Infection occurring on the wound following operations on the abdomen of patients can be associated with increased costs, prolonged stay in the hospital, and other harm to the patient. It increases healthcare costs for society, which is unbearable in poorer countries such as Nigeria. For this and many other reasons, many interventions are carried out for prevention. In Nigeria, we do not have reliable national data about these infections, making it difficult to plan on how to reduce them. This study is being carried out by a collaborative group of surgeons spanning 54 hospitals in 32 states of Nigeria.

Who can participate?

All children and adult patients undergoing emergency or elective abdominal operations

What does the study involve?

After any abdominal operation on children and adults, surgeons will purposefully inspect the wound when discharging patients from the hospital and on day 30 after the operation. They will record cases that have infections and identify conditions associated with their infections

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating? None

Where is the study run from? Association of Surgeons of Nigeria

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? December 2023 to October 2024

Who is funding the study? Investigator initiated and funded

# **Contact information**

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# Additional identifiers

#### **EudraCT/CTIS** number

Nil known

#### **IRAS** number

## ClinicalTrials.gov number

Nil known

#### Secondary identifying numbers

Nil known

# Study information

#### Scientific Title

Surgical site infection following abdominal operations: a prospective, multicenter cohort study across Nigeria

#### Acronym

Nigeria SSI study

#### Study objectives

Surgical site infection is high following abdominal operations across Nigeria

#### Ethics approval required

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#### Ethics approval(s)

Approved 21/12/2023, National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria (Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja, 900211, Nigeria; +234 095238367; deskofficer@nhrec.net), ref: NHREC/01/01/2007-21/12/2023

#### Study design

Prospective observational multicenter study

#### Primary study design

Observational

#### Secondary study design

Cohort study

#### Study setting(s)

Hospital

#### Study type(s)

Prevention

#### Participant information sheet

Not available in web format, please use the contact details to request a patient information sheet.

#### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Abdominal operations

#### **Interventions**

Eligible patients will be consented for recruitment. Their demographic data and operation details will be recorded immediately after operation. Wounds will be observed for evidence of infection on the day of discharge and on day 30 after the operation. Bacteria cultured from any infected wounds will be recorded. Follow up and observations ends on day 30.

#### Intervention Type

Other

#### Primary outcome measure

Surgical site infection (SSI) 30 days post operation, defined according to Centre for Disease Control criteria

#### Secondary outcome measures

Measured using patient records:

- 1. Profile of organisms detected from wound swab
- 2. Patient-reported time taken to return to normal activities
- 3. Patient-reported time taken to return to work.
- 4.. Mortality at day 30 after operation and its relationship to SSIs

#### Overall study start date

#### Completion date

31/10/2024

# Eligibility

#### Key inclusion criteria

- 1. Patient able and willing to provide written informed consent (signature or a fingerprint) or assent from parent or quardian
- 2. All children and adult patients undergoing emergency or elective abdominal operations
- 3. Benign, malignant and trauma cases can all be included
- 4. Abdominal incision with an anticipated clean-contaminated, contaminated or dirty surgical wound
- 5. Anticipated abdominal incision of 3cm in children or 5cm or more in adults
- 6. Both open surgery and laparoscopic surgery can be included
- 7. All secondary, tertiary, public, and privately funded hospitals that perform abdominal surgeries will be eligible

#### Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Age group

All

#### Lower age limit

1 Months

#### Upper age limit

90 Years

#### Sex

Both

#### Target number of participants

2000

#### Total final enrolment

2400

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Abdominal operations with clean surgical wound, such as simple hernia repair
- 2. Patients undergoing caesarean section will be excluded
- 3. Patients who are unable to complete follow-up at post-operative day 30
- 4. Patient already enrolled in another trial assessing surgical site infection

#### Date of first enrolment

01/05/2024

#### Date of final enrolment

# Locations

#### Countries of recruitment

Nigeria

## Study participating centre Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals Complex

OAUTHC Ile-Ife

Nigeria

220005

#### Study participating centre Lagos State University Teaching Hospital

Ikeja Lagos Nigeria 2000

# Study participating centre Nnamdi Azikiwe university Teaching Hospital

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# Study participating centre University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital

Ilorin Ilorin Nigeria 111000

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AKTH Kano Nigeria 30245

# **Sponsor information**

#### Organisation

Association of Surgeons of Nigeria

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#### Sponsor type

University/education

#### Website

http://www.ason-ngr.org/

# Funder(s)

#### Funder type

Other

#### **Funder Name**

Investigator initiated and funded

# **Results and Publications**

#### Publication and dissemination plan

We would publish the result in an international, peer-reviewed, scientific journal. The Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health will have the results presented. We will also present this at Nigeria surgical meetings

#### Intention to publish date

01/03/2025

#### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The dataset generated and or analyzed during this study will be available upon request from ao. adisa@oauife.edu.ng

# IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

**Study outputs** 

Output typeDetailsDate createdDate addedPeer reviewed?Patient-facing?Protocol file11/07/2024NoNo