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### Surgical site infection prevention

Healthcare acquired infections are patient safety events that should never happen, especially a surgical site infection (SSI). Infection prevention has grown through the years, and with this growth, a change in focus has occurred from controlling infections to eliminating infections. With this move, many facilities have taken a 'Bundled' approach to prevent infections from ever reaching patients. There are a variety of approaches to SSI Bundles, which we will explore.

#### Biography

Cheryl Sharp has worked in Infection Control/Prevention for 16 years, helping to create a safe environment for patients. She completed her Bachelor's in Nursing from Western Governors University and has been certified in Infection Prevention and Control through CBIC since 2009. She is currently an Infection Preventionist at a local hospital in the DFW area and is very active in their local chapter of APIC. She has presented at venues such as APIC National, in conjunction with the AORN, presented posters, and has served on the Board of Directors of APIC DFW, as well as chairing the professional advancement SIG for 5 years, where new infection preventionists are prepared to pass their CBIC exam to obtain CIC status. APIC DFW has won several awards with APIC National for this work.

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