

Supplementary material: Post-discharge questionnaire

Post-discharge questionnaire: Apart from hospital-based follow up, Post-discharge follow up was done by one of the members of SSI surveillance team, which consisted of administering a questionnaire via a telephone call for the patients. The questionnaire included the following questions:

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1	Did you have fever after hospital discharge?
2	Was there any yellowish secretion or pus in the surgical wound?
3	Was there any swelling or redness around the wound?
4	Do you have any fluid leaking from your wound? If YES, is it: (a) clear? (b) Pus/cloudy yellow? (c) Pink, red or blood?
5	Was there a delay in the healing of the surgical wound?
6	Is the wound gaping open?
7	Did any doctor tell you that you had a surgical infection?
8	Was any new antibiotic prescribed for treating your wound after discharge? If yes, Name.
9	How many days ago did you first notice any signs of infection?