Reduce Post-Joint Replacement Surgical Site Infections (SSIs) with Molecular Testing

By the numbers: burden of joint replacement SSIs



Over 1 million

Total hip and total knee replacement procedures performed each year in the United States¹



4%-5%

Readmission rate following lower extremity joint replacement²



\$60,000-\$100,000

Cost of a post-prosthetic knee or hip infection³

>1/3 of readmissions due to infection

(63% of infections are due to Staph species like S. aureus)2

Why Screen for MRSA/S. aureus Colonization?

Several evidence based SSI Guidelines support the use of screening



Colonized patients are 9 times more likely to develop an SSI⁴





More than **8 out of 10 cases** of S. aureus bacteremia are believed to be caused by a patient's own flora^{5,6}

Why Use Molecular (PCR) Testing?

Fast and accurate detection of colonization facilitates targeted infection control practices before surgery



Standard culture techniques may miss MRSA colonization in up to a third of cases^{7,8}



Performing molecular screening during presurgical visit enables same day results



Enables targeted decolonization reducing SSIs up to 60%9

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