



**Table 3. Specific Sites of an Organ/Space SSI.**

Code	Site	Code	Site
BONE	Osteomyelitis	MED	Mediastinitis
BRST	Breast abscess or mastitis	MEN	Meningitis or ventriculitis
CARD	Myocarditis or pericarditis	ORAL	Oral cavity (mouth, tongue, or gums)
DISC	Disc space	OREP	Other infections of the male or female reproductive tract
EAR	Ear, mastoid	PJI	Periprosthetic Joint Infection
EMET	Endometritis	SA	Spinal abscess without meningitis
ENDO	Endocarditis	SINU	Sinusitis
GIT	GI tract	UR	Upper respiratory tract
IAB	Intraabdominal, not specified	USI	Urinary System Infection
IC	Intracranial, brain abscess or dura	VASC	Arterial or venous infection
JNT	Joint or Bursa	VCUF	Vaginal cuff
LUNG	Other infections of the lower respiratory tract		

(Criteria for these sites can be found in the [Surveillance Definitions](#) for Specific Types of Infections chapter).

**Note:** [Appendix](#) contains a list of all NHSN operative procedure groups and the site specific SSIs that that may be attributable for each group.

**Numerator Data:** All patients having any of the procedures included in the selected NHSN operative procedure category(s) are monitored for SSI. The *Surgical Site Infection (SSI)* form is completed for each SSI. If no SSI events are identified during the surveillance month, check the “Report No Events” field in the Missing PA Events tab of the Incomplete/Missing List.

The [Instructions for Completion of the Surgical Site Infection](#) form include brief instructions for collection and entry of each data element on the form. The [SSI form](#) includes patient demographic information and information about the operative procedure, including the date and type of procedure. Information about the SSI includes the date of SSI, specific criteria met for identifying the SSI, when/how the SSI was detected, whether the patient developed a secondary bloodstream infection, whether the patient died, the organism(s) identified and the organisms’ antimicrobial susceptibilities.