**Superficial incisional SSI:** infection involves only skin or subcutaneous tissue of the incision

**Deep incisional SSI:** infection appears to be related to the operation and involves deep soft tissues (ex: fascial and muscle layers) of the incision

**Organ/space SSI:** infection appears to be related to the operation and involves any part of the anatomy other than the incision (ex: organs or spaces), which was opened or manipulated during an operation