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Surgical Prophylaxis: Is it really necessary?

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Live Virtual Webinar

Although recommendations exist for the use of surgical prophylaxis for many types of orthopedic surgery including prosthetic joint implants and trauma surgery, there is a paucity of evidence to support its use in podiatric surgery. The studies that have been done show that the use of prophylactic antibiotics actually makes little difference in outcomes and the incidence of surgical site infections (SSI). However, when even elective surgery is performed in a hospital or surgical center, there are protocols in place that require the ordering of these drugs. Hospitals that have "antimicrobial stewardship" programs in place to prevent the overuse of antibiotics still want you to overuse antibiotics for prophylaxis despite the lack of evidence! This session will explore the available data and recommendations. We will cover both surgical prophylaxis and prophylaxis to prevent bacterial endocarditis.

Learning Objectives:

1. Evaluate the risks and current evidence regarding routine antimicrobial prophylaxis in foot and ankle surgery.
2. Assess the effectiveness of SCIP protocols and prophylactic antibiotic use in elective foot and ankle procedures.
3. Identify the primary goals and evidence-based principles of surgical wound prophylaxis.
4. Analyze discrepancies between clinical guidelines and consensus statements related to antibiotic prophylaxis in foot and ankle surgery.

Intended Audience: Podiatrists

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Dr Joseph is a fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and is an author on the IDSA Diabetic Foot Infection Guidelines. He is also certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine, and currently serves as Editor of the Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association. Dr Joseph lectures extensively and his presentations have focused on the treatment of bacterial and fungal infections of the lower extremity. He has authored over 100 publications in the field of lower extremity infections.

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