

Comparison 3: Hair removal the night before vs. day of surgery

Quality assessment							N ^o of patients		Effect		Quality
N ^o of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	With hair removal the day of surgery	With hair removal the night before surgery	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Surgical site infection											
1	RCT	serious ¹	not serious	not serious	very serious ²	none	21/492 (4.3%)	24/521 (4.6%)	OR 1.22 (0.44 to 3.41)	10 more per 1.000 (from 25 fewer to 95 more)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW

1. Risk of selection bias, performance bias and detection bias
2. Optimal information size not met and CI includes both appreciable benefit and harm (RR and RRR of 25%)

SSI: surgical site infection; CI: confidence interval; RCT: randomized clinical trial; OR: odds ratio