

Comparison 3: Continuation of antibiotic prophylaxis >24 hours postoperatively compared to continuation for up to 24 hours

Quality assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Quality
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Antibiotic prophylaxis continued >24 hours	Up to 24 hours	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Surgical site infection											
23	RCT	serious ¹	not serious	not serious	not serious	none	124/1527 (8.1%)	144/1557 (9.2%)	OR: 0.89 (0.69 to 1.16)	9 fewer per 1000 (from 13 more to 27 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE

1. Risk of selection bias, performance bias, detection bias, attrition bias and reporting bias

RCT: randomized controlled trial; CI: confidence interval; OR: odds ratio