Management of surgical site infection is based on the assumption that decisions are predicated on physician discussion with the patient and/or the patient’s qualified health care advocate about available treatments and procedures applicable to each individual patient. Once the patient and/or their advocate are informed of available therapies and have discussed these options with their physician, an informed decision can be made.

PATIENT POPULATION
This document addresses the management of surgical site infections occurring in patients who have undergone orthopaedic surgery.

INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE
Surgical site infections occur following a small percentage of surgical procedures. Source control is the key to the management of surgical infections. Surgical decision making is based on the marriage of evidence from clinical studies, inferences from biology, and the elusive component of surgical experience; this book combines these three elements.