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In April 2019 this guideline was updated. The evidence on nasal decolonisation, preoperative antiseptic skin preparation, antiseptics and antimicrobials before wound closure, and methods of wound closure was reviewed.

Some of the 2008 recommendations have been retained in the new guideline. This 2008 full guideline includes the evidence supporting the 2008 recommendations.

It has been colour-coded as follows:

- All text without shading is from the original 2008 guideline and has not been amended by subsequent updates.
- Black shading indicates text from 2008 has been replaced by the 2019 update.

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