



# *CATS Decrease Surgical Site Infections*

#### **Hair Removal:**

If hair must be removed from the surgical site, clippers are the best option. *Never use a razor.*

#### **Prophylactic Antibiotics:**

Antibiotics consistent with national guidelines should be administered within 1 hour of incision time and discontinued within 24 hours, in most cases.

#### **Normothermia:**

Colorectal surgery patients should be normothermic ( $\geq 96.8^\circ$  F) within the first 15 minutes after leaving the operating room.

#### **Glucose Control:**

Cardiac surgery patients should have controlled 6 a.m. serum glucose ( $\leq 200$  mg/dL) on postoperative Day 1 and Day 2.

# Clippers

# Antibiotics

# Temperature

# Sugar

**Additional information about reducing surgical site infections is available at [www.medqic.org](http://www.medqic.org).**