"Surgery without an incise drape is like surgery without gloves."

No surgeon would ever think about operating without wearing sterile gloves. Not only do gloves protect the surgeon, but they also protect the wound from skin flora on the surgeon's hands. That same care should be taken to protect the wound from the patient's own skin flora. An incise drape provides that protection.

There are three basic levels of infection prevention associated with incise draping.

**Level 1:** Creating a sterile surface

By definition, a skin surface covered by a sterile incise drape is bacteria-free at the beginning of surgery. Whereas a skin surface that has been prepared has only been disinfected, not sterilized.

- Skin preps do not always achieve complete eradication of bacteria.
- Skin preps are vulnerable to removal or neutralization during surgery by blood, exudate and irrigation fluids.
- Bacterial regeneration occurs continuously on the skin even after prepping.

What's more, gloves, instruments and sponges that enter the surgical wound also come into contact with the skin surface around the wound. So a skin surface covered with a sterile incise drape essentially eliminates the transfer of bacteria to these items that would come in contact with the wound.

3M incise drapes make a clinical difference. They create a sterile operative surface and protect the incision from skin flora.

**Level 2:** Adding continuous antimicrobial activity

3M™ Loban® 2 Antimicrobial Incise Drapes provide documented, continuous antimicrobial activity. They are clinically proven to reduce the risks of wound contamination and bacterial migration. And the broad-spectrum antimicrobial activity lasts for hours under the drape where it can't be washed away.

**Level 3:** Continuous antimicrobial activity while ensuring the most reliable drape adhesion

A drape's barrier and antimicrobial properties are only effective when the drape is securely adhered to the patient's skin. Tests show that loban 2 incise drapes adhere better to skin than other drapes, especially after several hours. Secure adhesion ensures the barrier and antimicrobial properties are utilized all the way to the wound edge. What's more, studies show that loban 2 incise drapes adhere even better to skin prepped with 3M™ Durasept® Surgical Solution.

Skin flora is the leading cause of surgical site infections. And surgical site infections contribute to a directly cause more than 10,000 deaths each year in the U.S. Unfortunately, even the most effective prep may not eliminate skin flora completely. Seventy percent of nosocomial infections are caused by organisms resistant to at least one commonly used antibiotic. That's why an infection prevention program isn't complete without an incise draping system that protects patients from their own skin flora.
## Ordering Information

### 3M™ Ioban™ 2 Antimicrobial Incise Drapes

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### References