The most common pathogens found in OB/GYN (including C-sections) infected
Four pathogens are responsible for over 56% of OB/GYN surgical site infections,
•  SSIs can add over $3,500 in additional care to each C-section
•  48% of women 40-54 giving birth will have a C-section
•  $100,000-
•  Nanocrystalline Silver antimicrobial dressing (5" longer than incision lengthwise
and then placed end to end with a little overlap over incision)
•  One case: 2 readmits, 2 I&D, $7 patient days
•  Average readmit = $50,000 and
•  Over the past 4 yrs 92 post-op C-section infections avoided
•  Approximate cost avoidance of $5,000,000+
•  In 2009, at Good Samaritan.
•  Avoided at Tacoma General since 2008 when the initial infection reduction bundle
•  Initial review of current practice and materials revealed the following costs
•  Reduced cost of suture material to $7.50
•  Removal of staples at day 5
•  Incisional pressure dressing = $34.20
•  Water/bacteria proof cover dressing = OPSITE™ Post-Op Visible Waterproof, Bacteria-proof Dressing with See-through Absorbent Pad,