

Comparison 2a: Clipping vs. shaving

Quality assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Quality
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	With clipping	With shaving	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)	
Surgical site infection											
4	RCTs	serious ¹	not serious	not serious	serious ²	none	18/748 (2.4%)	38/818 (4.6%)	OR 0.51 (0.29 to 0.91)	22 fewer per 1.000 (from 4 fewer to 33 fewer)	⊕⊕○○ LOW

1. Risk of selection bias, performance bias and detection bias
2. Optimal information size not met

CI: confidence interval; RCT: randomized clinical trial; OR: odds ratio