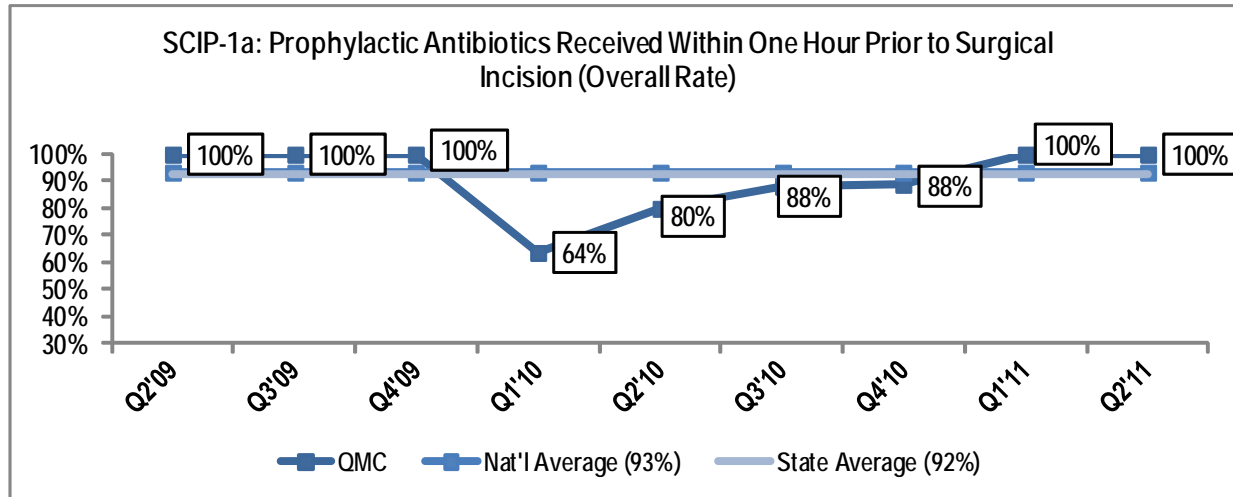


**Core Measure Trend Watch:
 Surgical Care Improvement Project-1a
 (SCIP-1A)**



***Surgery patients who were given an antibiotic at the right time (within one hour before surgery) to help prevent infection**

Surgical wound infections can be prevented. Medical research shows that surgery patients who get antibiotics within the hour before their surgery are less likely to get wound infections. Getting an antibiotic earlier, or after surgery begins, is not as effective. Hospital staff should make sure surgery patients get antibiotics at the right time.

**Data Source: Hospital Compare Website, National and State Averages are also taken from the Hospital Compare Website for the period October 2009 through September 2010*