

#### PATIENT EDUCATION

### **Chlorhexidine Gluconate Cloths**

# Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) is a fast-acting antiseptic that helps reduce the chances of infection prior to surgery.

- Do not use this product if you are allergic to Chlorhexidine. Use antibacterial body wash, such as Dial soap.
- Stop shaving 3 days prior to your procedure. This excludes shaving of facial hair. Shaving right before applying the CHG cloths may cause irritation to your skin.
- Do not apply the CHG cloths to broken or open skin.
- The CHG cloths should be used per instruction at home the night before your procedure. Upon arrival at the hospital, you will be asked to repeat the CHG cloths.
- Use each cloth according to the pictures on the reverse side of this page.

#### At home:

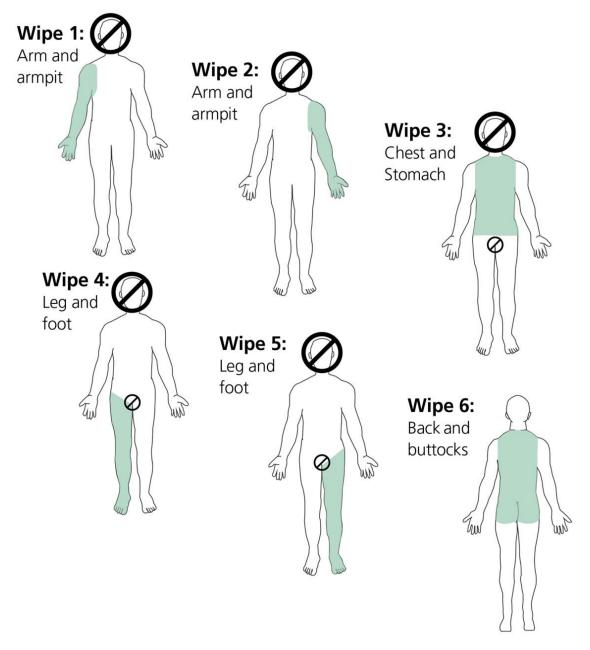
- The night before surgery, shower and dry off with a clean towel.
- Begin application of the CHG cloths;
  - You have three packs of cloths. Each package has two cloths.
  - You will use <u>all six cloths</u>. One wipe for each body part.
  - Wipe your skin in a circular or back and forth motion.
  - Avoid having the cloths touch your eyes, ears, mouth, and genital area.
  - Allow skin to air dry
- After using the cloths, your skin will feel sticky.
- Do not apply lotion or makeup after using the CHG cloth on your body.
- Put on newly washed pajamas and sleep in newly washed bed linens.
- DO NOT shower/bathe the morning of your procedure. You may wash your face, hands and genital area.





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