

Preoperative Chlorhexidine Bathing

Chlorhexidine (CHG) is a disinfectant that binds to the skin for 24 hours, decreasing the risk of infection.



Patients must have 2 Preoperative CHG baths using bath cloths. (*Not to be performed in shower)



PROCEDURE

1. Wash face and hair with normal products
2. Add 2 packages of CHG solution to one package of foam soap bath cloths
3. Knead package to distribute CHG on all cloths
4. Wash incision site first
5. Wash rest of the body from the neck down, using a new cloth for torso, arms, legs, back, and peri-area.
6. Allow CHG to dry on the skin for 2 minutes
7. Finish drying the patient with a clean towel

CHANGE all bed linens, patient gown, and PAS sleeves.





DOCUMENT

Nursing Flowsheet

Hygiene/Safety	
Safety Interventions	
Family/Sitter at Bedside	
Security Tag Site	
Bed Bath	
Chlorhexidine bath	Chlorhexidine bath X
Tub Bath	Yes
Whirlpool	

Timing of the baths

-  Early morning surgery – CHG bath the night before and morning of surgery
-  Late day surgery – CHG bath late the night before and during day before surgery

Pre-Procedure Prep List

Patient received preop skin prep with recommended antimicrobial agents e.g. "Chlorhexidine?"

Yes No

Number of times antimicrobial agent applied

1x 2x