

Drug Facts

Active ingredient

Chlorhexidine Gluconate 4% solution

Purpose

- Antiseptic

Uses

- **surgical hand scrub:** significantly reduces the number of microorganisms on the hands and forearms prior to surgery or patient care
- **healthcare personnel handwash:** helps reduce bacteria that potentially can cause disease
- **patient preoperative skin preparation:** preparation of the patient's skin prior to surgery
- **skin wound and general skin cleansing**

Warnings

For external use only

Allergy Alert

This product may cause a severe allergic reaction. Symptoms may include:

- wheezing/difficulty breathing
- shock
- facial swelling
- hives
- rash

If an allergic reaction occurs, stop use and seek medical help right away.

Do not use

- if you or the patient is allergic to chlorhexidine gluconate or any other ingredient in this product
- in contact with meninges
- in the genital area
- as a preoperative skin preparation of the head or face

When using this product

- keep out of eyes, ears and mouth. May cause serious and permanent eye injury if placed or kept in the eye during surgical procedures or may cause deafness when instilled in the middle ear through perforated eardrums
- if solution should contact these areas, rinse out promptly and thoroughly with water
- wounds which involve more than the superficial layers of the skin should not be routinely treated

Stop use and ask a doctor if irritation, sensitization or allergic reaction occurs. These may be signs of a serious condition.

Keep out of reach of children.

if swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

Directions

- use with care in premature infants or infants under 2 months of age. These products may cause irritation or chemical burns.

Surgical hand scrub:

- wet hands and forearms with water
- scrub for 3 minutes with about 5 ml of product and a wet brush, paying close attention to the nails, cuticles, and interdigital spaces
- a separate nail cleaner may be used
- rinse thoroughly
- wash for an additional 3 minutes with 5 ml of product and rinse under running water
- dry thoroughly

Healthcare personnel handwash:

- wet hands with water
- dispense about 5 ml of product into cupped hands and wash in a vigorous manner for 15 seconds
- rinse and dry thoroughly

Skin wound and general skin cleansing:

- thoroughly rinse the area to be cleaned with water
- apply the minimum amount of product necessary to cover the skin or wound area and wash gently
- rinse again thoroughly

Patient preoperative skin preparation:

- Apply product liberally to surgical site and swab for at least 2 minutes
- Dry with a sterile towel
- Repeat procedure for an additional 2 minutes and dry with a sterile towel

Other information

- store at 20-25°C (68-77°F)
- avoid excessive heat above 40 °C (104 °F)

Inactive ingredients cocamide DEA, fragrance, glucono-delta-lactone, hydroxyethylcellulose, isopropyl alcohol, lauramine oxide, PEG-75 lanolin, purified water, tridecyl alcohol

Laundering/Cleaning Instructions: Chlorhexidine gluconate skin cleansers will cause stains if used with chlorine releasing products, such as chlorine bleach. Rinse completely and use only non-chlorine detergents.

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