Decolonization of

Non-ICU Patients With Devices

Section 12-4 – Staff Skills Assessment:

Chlorhexidine Liquid Basin Bath Observation Checklist

Individual Giving Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) Bath

Please indicate who performed the CHG bath:

[ ]  Nursing Assistant [ ]  Nurse [ ]  Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Staff Adherence to Nursing Protocol for CHG Basin Bathing: Please check the appropriate response for each observation.

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Patient told that the basin bath is “no rinse” and CHG protects patients from germs

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Patient told that soaps and lotions from home can prevent CHG from working

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Correctly diluted CHG for basin bath (one 4 oz. bottle of 4% CHG plus 4 oz. of water)

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Massaged skin firmly with disposable wipes to ensure adequate cleansing

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Cleaned face and neck well, avoiding eyes and ear canals

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Cleaned between fingers and toes

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Cleaned between all skin folds

[ ]  Y [ ]  N [ ]  N/A Cleaned occlusive and semipermeable dressings with CHG

[ ]  Y [ ]  N For all tubes, central lines, and drains, used CHG to clean the 6 inches closest to body

[ ]  Y [ ]  N [ ]  N/A Used CHG on superficial wounds, rashes, and stage 1 & 2 decubitus ulcers

[ ]  Y [ ]  N [ ]  N/A Used CHG on surgical wounds (unless primary dressing or packed)

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Allowed CHG to air-dry/did not wipe off CHG

[ ]  Y [ ]  N Disposed of used wipes in trash/did not flush

Query to Bathing Assistant/Nurse

1. Were at least six cloths used to perform the basin bath?

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2. How much water did you add to the 4 oz. bottle of CHG?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you comfortable applying CHG to superficial wounds, including surgical wounds?

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4. Are you comfortable applying CHG to lines, tubes, drains, and nongauze dressings?

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5. Do you ever wipe off the CHG after bathing a patient?

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