

# Decolonization of Non-ICU Patients With Devices

## Section 12-3 – Staff Skills Assessment: Chlorhexidine Cloth Use 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 Bathing: Please check the appropriate response for each observation:

- Y     N    Patient received CHG cloth bathing handout
- Y     N    Patient told that bath is with a no-rinse cloth that provides protection from germs
- Y     N    Patient told that soaps and lotions from home can prevent CHG from working
- Y     N    Massaged skin firmly with CHG cloth 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 cloth
- 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 cloths in trash/did not flush

Observer: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Query to Bathing Assistant/Nurse

1. How many cloths were used for the bath?  
(one cloth set = three cloth packs with two cloths each; one single cloth pack = two cloths)

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2. If more than one cloth set (six cloths) was used, provide reason.

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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 non-gauze dressings?

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

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