

Decolonization of Non-ICU Patients With Devices

Section 12-1 – Patient Self-Showering Skills Assessment: Showering With Chlorhexidine

Chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) is a special antiseptic soap that removes germs from the skin. It has been used in healthcare for more than 60 years. This survey will help us understand how well you were able to apply CHG in the shower. Please read each question and respond by checking yes or no in the boxes provide.

Questions: Please check either Yes (Y) or No (N) for each question.

1. Were you provided a handout with instructions on how to apply the CHG liquid in the shower?
 Y N
2. Were you told that CHG kills germs better than regular soap and water?
 Y N
3. Were you told that CHG is safe to use as a shampoo and on the face?
 Y N
4. Did you soap up twice with CHG before rinsing (goal is 2 minutes before rinsing)?
 Y N
5. Were you told NOT to use other bathing soaps or lotions during your hospital stay?
 Y N
6. Were you told that skin areas commonly missed when showering include the neck, armpits, and skin folds?
 Y N
7. Did you avoid getting CHG soap in your eyes and ear canals?
 Y N
8. Did you or an assistant clean your lines, tubes, and/or drains with a CHG cloth after showering?
 Y N
9. Did you or an assistant clean your wounds with a CHG cloth after showering?
 Y N N/A