

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

Observer: _____ Unit: _____ Date _____

Query to Bathing Assistant/Nurse

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

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?

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

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

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