



Speak Up about CHG

Your child's health and safety are important to us. You can make a difference in your child's care by asking questions and being actively involved.

What is CHG?

Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) is an antiseptic cleanser used in healthcare settings to reduce the risk of infections. CHG protects the skin from a wide range of bacteria, viruses, and fungi.

When do we use CHG?

We will use CHG daily to thoroughly clean your child's skin (over their entire body) if they have an increased risk of infection. We may use CHG daily if your child:

- Has a central venous line or port
- Has a catheter
- Is on a ventilator
- Is preparing for a surgery or procedure
- Has a new surgical site

How does CHG work?

CHG can be used in the form of wipes or liquid. CHG is applied to your child's entire body during CHG baths or treatments. The antiseptic in the CHG will remain on your child's skin to help kill any germs and bacteria for hours after being used. Your child's care team will tell you which form of CHG (liquid or wipes) to use and show you how to use it.

What skin reactions can occur after use of CHG?

If your child is using CHG frequently, they may experience dry skin, itchiness, or redness. These reactions are *normal* but should be closely monitored. Allergic reactions to CHG are rare. If your child has swelling, hives, or difficulty breathing following the use of CHG, tell your child's care team immediately.

Speak Up if you have any questions or concerns about CHG.