

Infant/Small Child Patient Instructions

How to Use Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) Soap Before Your Child's Procedure

Surgery may put your child at higher risk for infections. CHG is medical-grade soap that removes germs and helps prevent infection.



Use CHG Wipes on Their Body

Find the image below that matches your child's weight. Using the diagram as a guide, wipe your child's body in the numbered order shown.

Pay special attention to their:

- Neck
- Groin
- Armpits
- Between fingers and toes
- Skin folds

DO NOT wipe their face, hair, eyes or ear canals.



Air Dry

Allow their skin and skin folds to air dry completely.

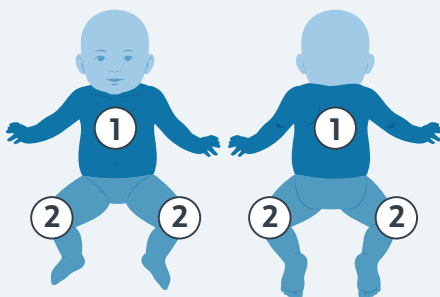
DO NOT apply lotions, moisturizers or powder after using CHG wipes.

STOP using the CHG wipes if you see a rash developing. Rinse CHG completely off skin and dry skin and skin folds thoroughly. Notify your child's health care team on the morning of their surgery.

Use one wipe per colored area in this order:

Infant

Less than 22 lbs./10 kg.
2 wipes

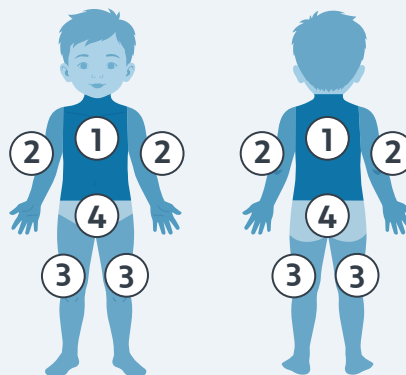


Front

Back

Child

22-66 lbs./10-30 kg.
4 wipes

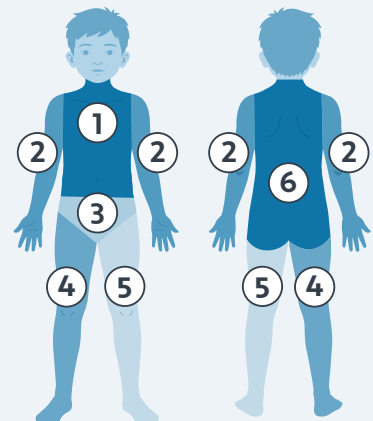


Front

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Child

67 lbs./30 kg. or more
6 wipes



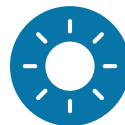
Front

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The Night Before Surgery:

Use the wipes and put on clean pajamas. Make sure they sleep on clean sheets. Do not allow them to sleep with pets.



The Day of Surgery:

Use the wipes, then dress your child in clean, warm, loose-fitting clothes or an inpatient gown. It is important for them to stay warm before surgery.

Important Information:

- CHG wipes replace regular soap and water for bathing and shampooing.
- CHG wipes are better than soap and water at removing germs and work for up to 48 hours.
- CHG wipes are safe to use on normal skin and on surface wounds, rashes and burns.
- Dispose of CHG wipes in the trash can—**DO NOT** flush.

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