Supplementary Appendix

This appendix has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

Supplemental Appendix for “Daily Chlorhexidine Bathing-Effect on Healthcare-associated Infections”

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MICROWAVE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Before warming, peel label back.

2. Warm package for NO MORE THAN 18 SECONDS.* Reseal to retain warmth.
* Microwave wattage varies; adjust heating time accordingly.

3. To bathe patient, use one washcloth for each area to be cleansed.

Recommended Bathing Procedure
Use a clean washcloth for each area

FRONT
1. Face, Neck & Chest
2. Right arm/Axilla
3. Left arm/Axilla
4. Perineum

BACK
5. Right leg
6. Left leg
7. Back
8. Buttocks

CAUTION: It is very important to check the temperature of the washcloths. If there is any indication that washcloths are excessively hot, do not use. Remember, gloves diminish your sensitivity to heat. During bathing, communicate with your patient to make sure each washcloth is at a comfortable temperature. Closely monitor heat level with infants, unresponsive or skin sensitive individuals.
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To stock warmer, place one package in each slot
   - Red “Not Ready” indicators will light up.
   - Within 2 hours, green “Ready” indicators will light up. These products are ready for use.
   - If green “Take First” indicators are flashing, use those packages first.

2. Remove package for use when “Ready”

3. Peel label back to remove washcloths. To bathe patient, use one washcloth for each area to be cleansed. Reseal label to keep washcloths warm.

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Patient Bathing Instructions:
Chlorhexidine Gluconate Cloths

- KEEP CHG Cloths (Burgundy Package) out of eyes, ears, and mouth.
- USE each cloth to thoroughly wipe each area in a circular or back and forth motion, making sure all skin is cleansed.
- DISPOSE of all cloths in a trash receptacle.
- DO NOT apply any unapproved lotions or barrier creams. These can deactivate the antiseptic.

DO NOT FLUSH CLOTHS IN TOILET

Tear package at notch on back flap to open

1. NECK (JAWLINE DOWN), CHEST, ARMS, HANDS
2. ABDOMEN & GROIN
3. RIGHT LEG AND FOOT
4. LEFT LEG AND FOOT
5. BACK
6. BUTTOCKS

Please ask for assistance if needed

FRONT

BACK
SKIN REACTION EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

The Principal Investigator must promptly report to the IRB, in writing, any unanticipated side effects, hazards, or other problems involving risks to subjects or others. Promptly report all adverse events considered to be related to research procedures to the Steering Committee.

Date:
Principal Investigator: Climo, Michael
Protocol#: CI06-003
Protocol Title: Multicenter Evaluation of The Effectiveness of Source Control With Daily Chlorhexidine Skin Preparation in Reducing Nosocomial Infections Including MRSA and VRE

Research Coordinator(s):
Phone: 
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Report Type: Initial Follow-up
Subject Identifier # (study ID number, do not list medical record number or other personal identifier):
Skin Reaction Date: Skin Reaction End Date:
Skin Reaction Description (brief):

Classification of Skin Reaction

- Grade 1 - faint macular erythema (redness) only
- Grade 2 - erythema, edema, and possibly papules
- Grade 3 - erythema, edema, papules, and blisters
- Grade 4 - blisters and ulceration (skin breakdown)

Grade 3 and 4 reactions should be reported additionally on an Adverse Event Form

The opinion of the Principal Investigator is that the relationship of the research procedure is:

- Unrelated
- Probably not related
- Possibly related
- Probably related
- Related
- Other:

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