

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust Royal Stoke University Hospital and County Hospital	
Patient Information On the use of Antiseptic Soap on the morning of admission for elective major surgery	

The infection control team advise the use of skin cleanser the evening before admission and the morning of admission prior to your surgical procedure.

If you have sensitive skin, please perform a patch test on your forearm first.

How should the skin cleanser be used?

Do not pour into water as this will reduce effectiveness. Use this soap cleanser in place of your usual soap, shower gel and shampoo.

1. Wet skin to reduce the risk of sensitivity and reactions.
2. Wash your **whole body**, including your hair, vigorously from head to toe with the skin cleanser supplied, on the evening prior to surgery.
3. Wet skin and apply about 30mls (2 tablespoons) of solution on the skin using hands, clean flannel or disposable cloth.
4. The soap must remain in contact with your skin for about a minute.
5. Pay particular attention to the following areas

Under the arms

Between the legs (groin)

Perineum (the patch of skin between the genitals and anus)

Around the nostrils

6. Rinse from head to toe and dry skin
7. Bring the remaining solution with you for use on the ward immediately pre-operatively.

Prevantics® 4% CHG Body Wash Instructions for Use

BEFORE USE

- + Test a small amount of product on a small patch of skin to check for any irritation or reaction. If redness, itching, or discomfort occurs, stop use immediately and thoroughly rinse the affected area. Use the trust's second line/alternative product instead.



STEP 1

- + Use a clean, disinfected basin/disposable basin filled with fresh, warm water. Place it near the patient's bed.



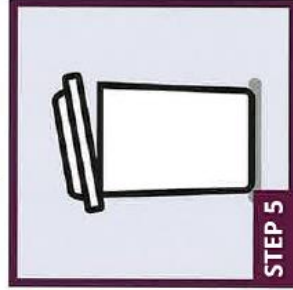
STEP 2

- + Ensure trust's hand hygiene protocols have been adhered to and prepare one clean washcloth for each step.



STEP 4

- + Rinse using a separate clean, damp cloth moistened with plain water only. Do not re-dip used cloths.



STEP 5

- + Dispose of used water, gloves, and cloths safely, following trust policy. Disinfect the basin before reuse.



STEP 3

- + Soak a clean cloth in warm water, then apply undiluted Prevantics® 4% CHG Body Wash directly to each of the cloths. Use this to wash the entire body for a maximum of 3 minutes. Leave on skin for 1-3 minutes.

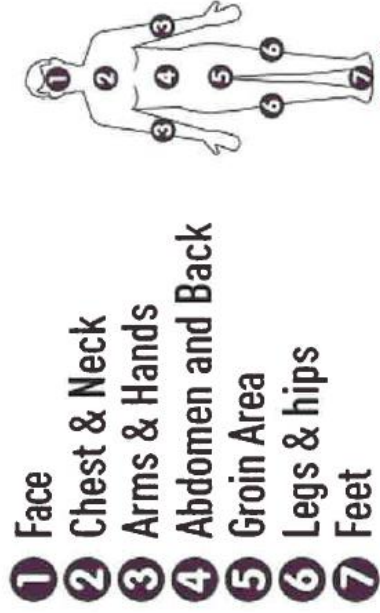


Figure 1

Figure 1: Areas to be cleansed with undiluted CHG

WARNINGS

- + Single-patient use only.
- + For external use only.
- + Do not use on injured skin or mucous membranes.
- + Avoid contact with open cavities such as the eyes, ears, mouth, and nose.
- + Causes serious eye damage.
- + IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present, and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical advice if you feel unwell.
- + In rare cases, Prevantics® 4% CHG may cause skin irritation or chemical burns, particularly in individuals with CHG sensitivity. If this occurs, stop use immediately and seek medical advice.

AFTER USE

- + Do not apply any skin products including lotion, deodorant, powder, aftershave or creams.



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