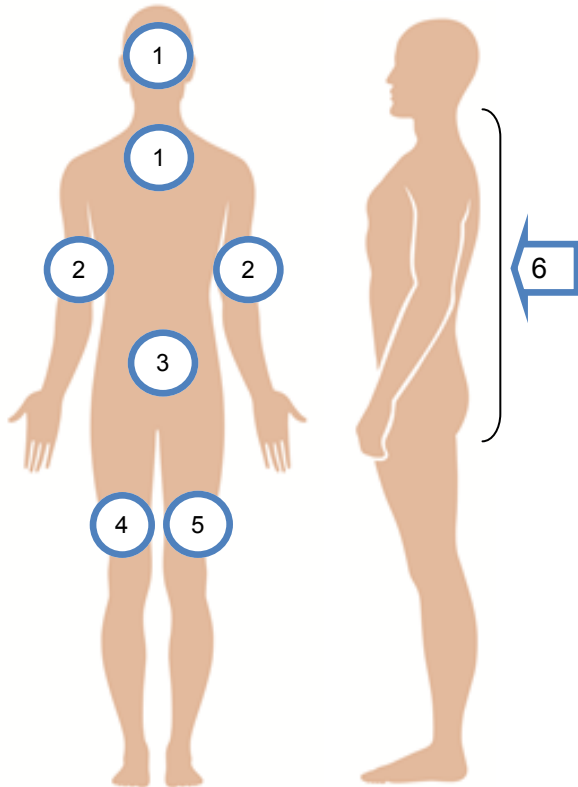


While in the hospital, bathe patients *every day* with a special antiseptic soap (CHG) to help remove germs and prevent infection.

6 cloths should be applied as below:



Caution: Avoid eyes and ear canals.

Encourage CHG shower or bath

Reminders

- **Your enthusiasm** is the greatest predictor of patients wanting to use CHG
- Encourage bathing **every day**. Starting on admission is ideal, before IVs, lines, urinary catheters, and procedures/surgery.
- Patients need direction on how to apply correctly and thoroughly
- Help clean 6 inches of lines, drains, tubes
- CHG is better than soap and water in removing germs and works for 24 hours
- CHG is safe to use on surface wounds, rashes and burns and removes germs
- Allow to air dry for best effect

Clean all skin areas with special attention to:

- Neck
- All skin folds
- Skin around all devices (line/tube/drain)
- Wounds unless deep or large
- Armpit, groin, between fingers/toes

Protect your patients every day

SHOWERING with CHG soap

1. Rinse body with warm water
2. Wash hair and face with CHG
3. Turn off the water and lather washcloth with plenty of CHG soap
4. Lather and massage soap in all 6 areas
5. **Leave soap for 2 minutes before rinsing**

BATHING with CHG cloths

1. Patients need instruction that these cloths are their protective bath
2. Use all 6 cloths. More, if needed.
3. **Firmly massage** to clean skin. CHG will kill germs for 24 hours if applied well.
4. Clean over semi-permeable dressings
5. Clean 6 inches of lines, tubes and drains
6. Use only compatible lotions.
7. Dispose of CHG cloths in a regular trash bin. Do not flush in commode.

