

CHLORHEXIDINE 0.5% IN ALCOHOL 70% TINTED RED

Composition

Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.5% in Alcohol B.P. 70%, tinted red.

Use

Chlorhexidine 0.5% in Alcohol 70% is a hospital grade disinfectant.

Actions

Chlorhexidine is a disinfectant which is effective against a wide range of vegetative Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. It is ineffective against acid-fast bacteria, bacterial spores, fungi and viruses. It is more active against Gram-positive than Gram-negative bacteria, and some species of *Pseudomonas* and *Proteus* are relatively less susceptible. Chlorhexidine is most active at a neutral or slightly alkaline pH and its activity is reduced by blood and other organic matter.

Alcohol 70% has bactericidal actions against most vegetative organisms. It is not effective against viruses and spores. It acts relatively quickly to denature cellular proteins of microorganisms and lower their surface tension, thus facilitating their removal. It also has useful solvent properties and will dissolve many water-insoluble substances including sebum.

Contraindications

Known sensitivity to chlorhexidine. Do not use on broken skin.

Directions for Use

Pre-clean surfaces first. Use undiluted. Do not return solution to the bottle.

Do not mix with detergents or other chemicals. Do not return unused solution to the bottle.

Do not use to disinfect therapeutic devices. Do not use to disinfect surfaces likely to come in contact with broken skin.

Precautions

Not to be taken. Not for injection. Not for internal use.

Avoid contact with the eyes.

- Avoid pooling on surfaces.
- Do not use near a naked flame or other ignition source.

First Aid

If swallowed, drink plenty of water. For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (phone Australia 131126) or a doctor.

If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre, or doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

Storage

Store below 25°C. Protect from light.

Poison Schedule

Not scheduled.

Presentation

Code	Product	Size	Carton
CHL 01597 F	Chlorhexidine 0.5% in Alcohol 70% tinted red	500mL	20

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