



NEONATAL Medication Monograph





Chlorhexidine 1% Topical Lotion

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Unrestricted: Any prescriber may initiate treatment

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| Presentation | 10mg/g Emollient Lotion |
| Description | Antiseptic |
| Indications | To reduce the transient colonization of potentially pathogenic bacteria Indicated for infants in incubators and cots |
| Contraindications | Do not apply to excoriated or ulcerated areas of skin |
| Precautions | Do not apply to the face |
| Administration | Topical Use ONLY To be used on alternate days as per Chlorhexidine Wash Procedure Ensure infant is completely dry prior to application Apply sparingly on cotton wool to the body and head including the hands, paying particular attention to the cord stump and body creases. Do NOT apply to the face |
| Adverse Reactions | Common: Allergic sensitisation, erythema, hypersensitivity reaction, rough skin |
| | Serious: Anaphylaxis, dyspnoea, facial oedema |
| Preparation | Warm the solution prior to administration |
| Monitoring | Skin reactions Check axilla temperature 1 hour after application |
| Storage | Store at room temperature, below 25°C |
| Notes | Ensure all ECG leads are replaced after application For infants in incubators, place the lotion inside the incubator for warming prior to application For infants in cots, warm the lotion by applying to cotton wool and hold between gloved hands |

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| Related clinical guidelines | Neonatology Chlorhexidine Wash Procedure Neonatology Skin Care Guideline |
| References | Takemoto CK, Hodding JH, Kraus DM. Pediatric & neonatal dosage handbook with international trade names index : a universal resource for clinicians treating pediatric and neonatal patients. 24th ed. Hudson (Ohio): Lexicomp; 2019. P410. |

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