Decolonization of

Non-ICU Patients With Devices

Section 12-3 – Staff Skills Assessment:

Chlorhexidine Cloth Use Observation Checklist

Individual Giving Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) Bath

Please indicate who performed the CHG bath:

Nursing Assistant  Nurse  Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Staff Adherence to Nursing Protocol for CHG Bathing: Please check the appropriate response for each observation:

Y  N Patient received CHG cloth bathing handout

Y  N Patient told that bath is with a no-rinse cloth that provides protection from germs

Y  N Patient told that soaps and lotions from home can prevent CHG from working

Y  N Massaged skin firmly with CHG cloth to ensure adequate cleansing

Y  N Cleaned face and neck well, avoiding eyes and ear canals

Y  N Cleaned between fingers and toes

Y  N Cleaned between all skin folds

Y  N  N/A Cleaned occlusive and semipermeable dressings with CHG cloth

Y  N For all tubes, central lines, and drains, used CHG to clean the 6 inches closest to body

Y  N  N/A Used CHG on superficial wounds, rashes, and stage 1 & 2 decubitus ulcers

Y  N  N/A Used CHG on surgical wounds (unless primary dressing or packed)

Y  N Allowed CHG to air-dry/did not wipe off CHG

Y  N Disposed of used cloths in trash/did not flush

Query to Bathing Assistant/Nurse

1. How many cloths were used for the bath?  
   (one cloth set = three cloth packs with two cloths each; one single cloth pack = two cloths)

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1. If more than one cloth set (six cloths) was used, provide reason.

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1. Are you comfortable applying CHG to superficial wounds, including surgical wounds?

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1. Are you comfortable applying CHG to lines, tubes, drains, and non-gauze dressings?

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1. Do you ever wipe off the CHG after bathing a patient?

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