

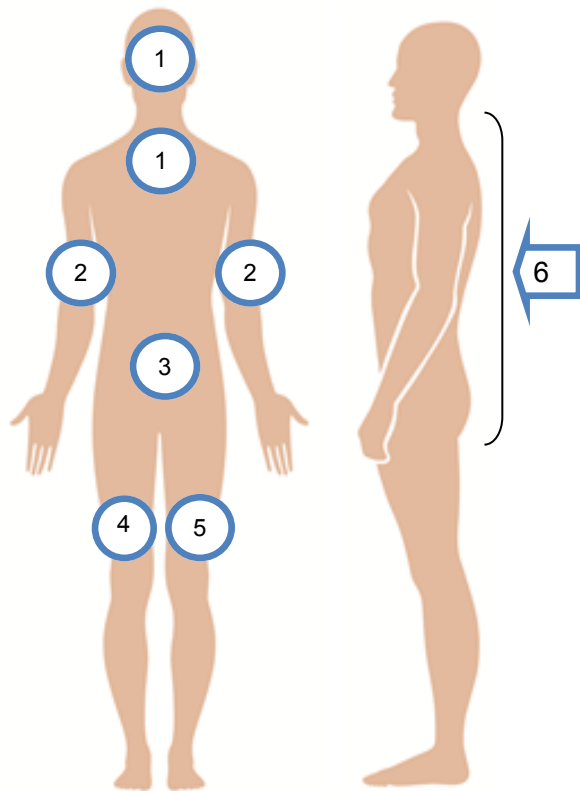
Bathe with CHG to remove germs and prevent infection

CHG works better than soap and water

CHG is a protective bath

CHG cloths are less drying than soap

Apply as shown below



REMINDERS

- **Your enthusiasm** helps patients understand why CHG is important
- Bathing on admission removes germs to protect the patient and hospital
- CHG works for 24 hours to kill germs
- **Firmly massage** CHG onto skin
- Clean **6 inches** of lines, drains, tubes
- Safe on surface wounds, rashes, burns
- Use only CHG-compatible lotions
- If barrier protection needed, apply CHG then apply barrier protection

Clean all skin areas with attention to:

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

Avoid eyes, mouth, & ear canals

SHOWERING with CHG soap

1. Rinse body with warm water
2. Wash hair and face with CHG
3. Avoid getting into eyes and ears
4. Turn off water and lather non-cotton cloth or mesh sponge with plenty of CHG
5. Massage CHG onto all skin areas
6. Leave CHG on for **2 minutes** then rinse

BATHING with CHG cloths

1. Tell patients these cloths are their protective bath
2. Use all 6 cloths. More, if needed.
3. **Firmly massage** skin with cloth
4. Clean over semi-permeable dressings
5. Clean 6 inches of lines, tubes, and drains
6. Air dry. Do not wipe off.
7. Put used cloths in trash. **Do not flush.**

