



## ***Section 10-6 – Decolonization of Non-ICU Patients With Devices***

### ***Dos and Don'ts***

#### ***DO***

- Use chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) daily instead of regular soap for all bathing/showering needs for entire hospital stay
- Use 2% leave-on CHG cloths for daily bed bathing or 4% rinse-off CHG liquid for daily showers
- Massage CHG onto skin for best effect
- Clean skin around all devices, and clean over non-gauze device dressings
- For any line, tube, or drain, clean the 6 inches closest to the body
- Use CHG on superficial wounds and rashes to remove germs
- For MRSA carriers, use nasal mupirocin twice a day for 5 days of unit stay
- Report mupirocin- or CHG-related events to treating physician and unit nursing director

#### ***DON'T***

- Do NOT get CHG into eyes or ear canals
- Do NOT wipe off CHG after applying it with CHG cloths—let skin air dry
- Do NOT forget to clean the neck, all skin folds, and between fingers and toes
- Do NOT flush CHG cloths—put them in the trash
- Do NOT use mupirocin or CHG if patient is allergic to that specific product

***REFER TO NURSING PROTOCOL FOR STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS***