

Hydrex Surgical Scrub 4.0% w/v cutaneous solution Chlorhexidine Gluconate skin cleanser

<What it is and what it is used for>

A cutaneous (relating to the skin) solution also containing Ponceau 4R (E124), Dialkylamine Oxide, Glycerol, Industrial Methylated Spirit, Hydroxyethyl Cellulose, Purified Water and Perfume (Hibetone).

For use as an antiseptic hand wash, a pre-operative hand scrub and a pre-operative skin preparation prior to surgery.

FOR EXTERNAL USE ONLY

How to use

MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF: Antiseptic hand wash – wet the hands and forearms, apply 5ml of Hydrex Surgical Scrub and wash for 1 minute. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Pre-operative surgical scrub – wet the hands and forearms, apply 5ml of Hydrex Surgical Scrub and wash for 1 minute, cleaning the fingernails with a brush. Rinse and repeat the procedure using a further 5ml of Hydrex Surgical Scrub and wash for 2 minutes. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

PATIENTS: Pre-operative skin preparation – wash the whole body with 25ml of Hydrex Surgical Scrub on at least two occasions, usually the day before and on the day of the operation. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

Do not use in body openings (e.g. nose and ears).

Avoid contact with eyes, ears, brain and meninges (skin covering the brain and spinal cord). Use with care in newborn babies and infants, especially those born prematurely. Hydrex Surgical Scrub may cause chemical burns.

Actions to be taken if swallowed – If you accidentally swallow Hydrex Surgical Scrub you should go to the accident and emergency department of your nearest hospital.

Possible side effects - Chlorhexidine can very rarely cause hypersensitivity, including anaphylactic shock (throat or lip swelling, low blood pressure), and allergic reactions (e.g. dermatitis, itching, redness, eczema, rash, hives, skin irritation, blisters). Chemical burns in neonates and infants. If any of these reactions occur, stop using the product and seek medical attention immediately.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this label/leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance Earlsfort Terrace, IRL – Dublin 2. Tel +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517; Website: www.hpra.ie. Email: medsafety@hpra.ie.

<Further Information>

Storage Do not store above 25°C.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children. Do not use after the expiry date on the label.

MA Holder & Manufacturer

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