

### Request for Information – Feedback Summary Sheet

<b>Request made by:</b>	Sue O'Keefe	<b>Responses to be sent back to:</b>	Helen Williams
<b>Date request made:</b>	07/11/2018	<b>Date sent out:</b>	22/11/2018
<b>Details of Request:</b>	Do you use Chlorhexidine wash cloths? If so, could you feedback on your experiences good and bad! Does anyone have a SOP that we could utilize?		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Response Received From:</b>	<b>Details of Response:</b>	
1	BARDON, Simon (BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)	We here at Blackpool Victoria General ITU do not use these at all.	
2	Mary Beckenham Governance Lead Critical Care Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	Nottingham University Hospital do not use them	
3	Claire Shaw Ward Manager Intensive Care Unit, Royal Lancaster Infirmary	Lancaster ICU don't and have never had experience of using chlorhexidine wash cloths.	

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4	<p>Clare McGregor Critical Care Matron</p> <p>Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust: Home</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you use Chlorhexidine wash cloths? <b>Yes</b></li> <li>2. If so, could you feedback on your experiences good and bad! <b>Staff do not like them and prefer soap and water. We wipe patients over once a day and for those “more changeling” washes we use soap and water</b></li> <li>3. Does anyone have a SOP that we could utilize? <b>We use the instructions for use on the packet.</b></li> </ol> <p>We introduced them on instruction of the infection control team. Prior to this we used chlohexadine solution on a wash cloth. The wipe apparently are more effective.</p>
5	<p>Lisa Crosby Senior Staff Nurse Clinical Risk Nurse for Critical Care Infection Prevention Link Nurse for Critical Care BSUH</p>	<p>We introduced the Chlorhexidine wash cloths fairly recently at the request of our IP dept.</p> <p>I have not written a formal SOP.</p> <p>The instructions are on the packet and we have suggested that they be used once daily to wipe over the patients.</p> <p>I have not had much formal feedback from the nursing staff despite requesting it, but lots of anecdotal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not suitable to wash a patient-we are using as a wipe over the skin after a wash.</li> <li>• Concerns re environmental impact.</li> <li>• That they dry out quickly</li> <li>• I have had no reports of dry or irritated skin yet.</li> </ul>
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	<p>Devina Ramchurn – Senior Sister Queens General ITU and HDU   Anaesthetic Division Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust</p>	<p>We do not use Chlorhexidine washcloths in critical care. However, we do use the Chlorprep which is in form of a stick.</p>
7	<p><b>Martin Mauracheea</b> Lead Nurse <b>Mid Trent Critical Care Network</b></p>	<p>Queens Hospital Burton on Trent we do not use them</p>
8	<p>Jane Adderley Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Department of Critical Care</p>	<p>In Milton Keynes in our ITU we've moved over to Octenisan wash mitts and liquid about 2 years ago. It is not chlorhexidine but antimicrobial so I've attached the website.</p> <p>What we found was a significant reduction in moisture lesions and although there was some reticence from nursing staff on implementation they actually are prefer them now. The wash cloths are very robust and make washes much easier and quicker leaving the skin soft and in the warmer weather or for pyrexial patients they are cooling. You can warm them but we never have.</p> <p>The liquid is used in water for the more challenging wash!! Good for longer term patients (otherwise a whole bottle is a waste) but it then becomes very cost effective.</p> <p><a href="https://www.schuelke.com/gb-en/products/octenisan-wash-lotion.php">https://www.schuelke.com/gb-en/products/octenisan-wash-lotion.php</a></p>

9	<p>Caroline Allison          Joint Lead Nurse          Critical Care          East Surrey Hospital          Surrey and Sussex NHS Trust</p>	<p>I've just been forwarded your query. We are not using them routinely, but as part of an MRSA outbreak. These are prescribed on our drug chart for all patients, once a day,</p>
10	<p>Sue Williamson          Ward manager ICU          Royal Bolton Critical Care</p>	<p>At Royal Bolton Hospital ICU we have been using the wipes for over two years. Initially Staff were not over happy as it didn't seem right to not use nice hot water and dry thoroughly but they soon got used to it. We find wrapping them in a towel at the bedside helps them stay warmer for longer. We wash patients with soap and water on admission followed by the wash cloths. Then each morning the patient has a full wash using ordinary face wipes for faces then the chlorhexidine wipes for the rest of the body. If patient has had bowels opened we still use soap and water for that area.</p> <p>We only swab for MRSA on admission and discharge now rather than weekly. We document the daily use of the wipes on a care plan related to MRSA. We also use the Octenisan hair caps twice in five days as part of this plan. At the moment they are only used on ICU not HDU (we are still two separate Units).</p>
11	<p>Amanda Jackson          Matron – Critical Care and Outreach Service          Princess of Wales Hospital          Bridgend</p>	<p>POWH use Chlorhexidine Wash Cloths for MRSA only as per our HB policy – see attached. The criteria, screening and prescription chart are embedded in the policy.</p>