

# Using Pre-operative Cleaning Wipes

**Chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) wipes kill 99% of the germs that live on the skin. CHG wipes help prevent germs from causing serious infections.**

**Do not use CHG wipes if your child:**

- Has an allergy or sensitivity to CHG
- Has a skin condition like eczema in the area you will wipe

## Number of wipes

**Based on your child's age:**

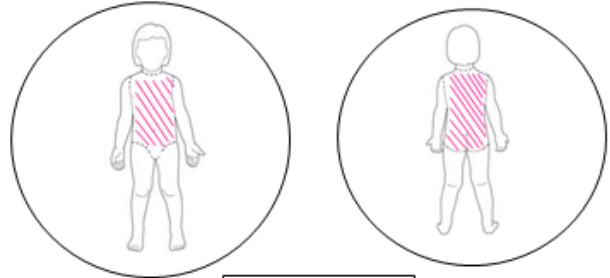
- Up to 1 year: **2 wipes**
- 1 year-8 years: **4 wipes**
- 8 years and older: **6 wipes**

## How to use CHG wipes

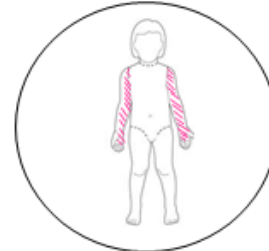
**Steps:**

- Bath or shower your child with regular soap
- Use the wipes on clean, dry skin within 6 hours of the surgery
- Keep the wipes away from your child's eyes, ears, mouth and genitals
- Follow the diagrams and wipe each area well using a back and forth motion for 1 minute
- Let the skin air-dry for at least 1 minute. Do not rinse or towel-dry
- After using the wipes, do not use powders, lotions, deodorant or perfume on the skin
- Put clean clothes and/or pyjamas on your child

**Step 1: Chest and Back**



**Step 2: Arms**



**Step 3: Legs and Groin**



**Tell your doctor or nurse if...**

- You are unsure if CHG wipes are safe for your child
- You notice redness or a rash on the skin after using CHG wipes
- The wipes have been in contact with open skin, eyes, ears, mouth or genitals