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Techni-Care® ANTISEPTIC S.S.I. - Surgical Site Infection **Methods of Prevention**

Purpose:

To define a standard operating procedure for the purpose of preventing surgical site infection by removal of organic and inorganic debris and significantly reducing skin micro-organisms. MRSA Effective. This protocol has application in I.C.U. especially immune-compromised patient bathing.

Healthcare

Personnel: Wash hands with Techni-Care® prior to gloving! Protect yourself, your patients, and your family! STOP the spread of nosocomial infection.

Pre-Bathing – Head to Toe Prior to Invasive Procedures

Techni-Care® Antiseptic, clean wash cloth, clean towel **Supplies:**

Bathing Unit – Shower or Tub

Extent:

Patient is instructed to bathe head to toe with warm water, lathering Techni-Care[®] on wet washcloth in a normal manner. Techni-Care[®] is gentle and safe to use for shampooing with its very efficient surfactant base. This product contains no linear alcohols. Apply directly to skin or washcloth. Lather entire body well, rinse and dry with clean towel.

Incision/Surgical Site Cleansing During Dressing Changes - Daily

Techni-Care[®] Antiseptic, sterile 4 x 4, sterile gauze, or other sterile applicator, **Supplies:**

Clinical Care® Wound Rinse, sterile gloves, sterile dressing materials if ordered

by physician.

Extent:

Wash and degerm hands with Techni-Care® prior to gloving. Gently remove soiled dressing materials and dispose according to hospital protocols. Apply Techni-Care[®] sparingly to sterile applicator and gently wipe applicator over incision area in a blotting motion to remove dried blood and debris. Allow this antiseptic to remain for 1-2 minutes on the site. Rinse with sterile water or Clinical Care® and pat dry. Reapply sterile dressing of choice if required.



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