

CHLORHEXIDINE GLUCONATE (CHG) USING IN INFANTS LESS THAN 2 MONTHS OF AGE

LOOKING AT WHAT THE LITERATURE SHOWS

SKIN ANTISEPSIS AT ITS BEST

CURRENT PRACTICE

Phlebotomy is using alcohol and betadine as skin antiseptic prior to collecting blood cultures for infants less than 2 months of age.

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

- CHG is the preferred product for skin antiseptic.
- CHG is proven to be superior to both alcohol and betadine.
- In 2012, the FDA modified the label indications for CHG from “do not use in premature or low birthweight infants or children less than 2 months of age” to “use with care in premature infants or infants under 2 months of age.”

NEW PRACTICE Effective 9/22/2020

- Please use CHG 2% for skin antiseptic prior to collecting a blood culture.
- **For inpatients, please notify the nurse prior to collecting labs to ensure no contraindications to using CHG are present.**