

HIBICLENS® use for Infection Prevention in the Post-Acute Setting

Patients at risk:

- Post-operative patients
- Patients with skin tears and other superficial wounds
- Patients with lines, drains, tubes
- Patients with active MDROs

The most common mechanism of transmission is via contact:

- Person to person
- Contaminated objects

Recommendations for **high risk** patients:

- Bathe post-operative patients daily with Hibiclens for SSI prevention
- Cleansing closed post-operative incisions with Hibiclens following dressing removal
- Bathe patients with lines, tubes and drains daily with Hibiclens
- Bathe patients with active MDROs including MRSA and Cdiff with Hibiclens per facility protocol
- Skin cleansing of superficial wounds

Suggestions for **non-high risk** patients:

- Weekly/biweekly common showers with CHG to decrease environmental load and transmission
- CHG soap and water hand hygiene



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