

CLABSI[★] TIP

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*CLABSI = Central line-associated bloodstream infection

Use Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) Scrub

CHG is a powerful ally in CLABSI Prevention

1. Use alcohol to clean all visible gunk at the site
2. When things “look” clean, use CHG on every square millimeter of skin, catheter and sutures/stabilizing device.
 - Use *back and forth scrubbing* –friction is needed
 - Cover the area with CHG completely
 - Scrub for *30 full seconds* (Silently hum the Happy Birthday song 3 times!)
3. CHG must then “air dry” before dressing placement

Key Point: do not use anything to clean *after* CHG or wipe off with gauze

CHG will CONTINUE killing microbes for several days
(and that is super powerful)!

