

BETASEPT[®] Surgical Scrub

(Chlorhexidine Gluconate 4%)

LAUNDERING INSTRUCTIONS

The antimicrobial persistence of chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) is due to its strong protein-binding nature. This protein-binding characteristic is also responsible for its affinity to bond to many fabrics, especially cotton. If linens or garments with CHG on them come in contact with **chlorine bleach** or with water containing high levels of **chlorine**, the CHG will become permanently “set.” The chemical reaction between CHG and chlorine may result in a brown stain.



Prevent Staining:

- Using warm water and a nonchlorinated detergent, repeatedly rinse the fabric within a few hours of its being splashed with CHG.
- Launder as soon as possible with warm water, using a nonchlorinated detergent. A nonchlorine, peroxide-type bleach can also be added at this time (for example, Clorox[®] II).
- If the level of whiteness/cleanliness after the first laundering is not satisfactory, launder again, once more using a peroxide-type bleach such as sodium perborate, sodium percarbonate, or hydrogen peroxide (see above for brand names of products).

