

Chlorhexidine Acetate with Cetrимide Antiseptic Solution

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I receiving Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?

Chlorhexidine Acetate with Cetrимide Antiseptic Solution (Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide) contains the active ingredients chlorhexidine acetate and cetrимide. Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide is used on the skin to clean and disinfect wounds and treat burns, helping prevent infections and promote healing. For more information, see Section [1. Why am I receiving Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I receive Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to chlorhexidine acetate, cetrимide or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI. **Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.** For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I receive Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide and affect how it works. A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How is Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide given?

- Your doctor or trained nurse will apply Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide to your skin as needed to clean and disinfect the wound or burn area/s.
- Your doctor will decide how much Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide to give. The amount depends on your need and condition. More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide given?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while receiving Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind any doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have received Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide.Tell your doctor immediately if you develop a rash, hives, red or tingling skin after being given Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not swallow or inject this product.Do not use this product around the eyes, membranes around the brain, in the ear canal (especially perforated eardrums).Do not use this product in the mouth.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide affects you. This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.
Drinking alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide will be stored in the pharmacy or in the ward, kept below 30°C and protected from light.If for any reason you need to keep this product at home, it should be stored in a locked cupboard. Do not freeze.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while receiving Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Serious side effects are possible, including severe allergic reactions, chemical burns (in newborns) and sudden vision changes when the product comes into contact with the eyes. For more information on what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Chlorhexidine Acetate with Cetrимide Antiseptic Solution

Active ingredients: *Chlorhexidine acetate and cetrимide*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Chlorhexidine Acetate with Cetrимide Antiseptic Solution (Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide). **You should also speak to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I receiving Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I receive Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How is Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide given?](#)
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- [6. Are there any side effects?](#)
- [7. Product details](#)

1. Why am I receiving Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?

Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide contains the active ingredients chlorhexidine acetate and cetrимide.

Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide is an antiseptic and disinfectant. It helps to kill microbes on the skin.

Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide is used on the skin to clean and disinfect wounds, as well as to treat burns. It helps prevent infections and promote healing.

It should never be injected or swallowed.

2. What should I know before I receive Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide?

Warnings

Do not use Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide:

- If you are allergic to chlorhexidine acetate, cetrимide or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- Around the face or head. It must not come into contact with the eyes, on the tissues around the brain, or in the ear canal (especially perforated eardrums).
- In the mouth.

Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide mouthwash has been linked to colour changes of the tongue, teeth and dentures/fillings/ crowns. **Do not swallow Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide.**

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions
- take any medicines for any other condition.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Tell your doctor if you use any lotions, soaps or other skin products.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide.

4. How is Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide given?

How it is given

- Your doctor or trained nurse will apply Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide to your skin as needed to clean and disinfect the wound or burn area/s.
- It is usually given in a hospital, clinic or nursing home.

How much is given

- Your doctor will decide how much Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide to give. The amount depends on your need and condition.
- Your doctor will decide how long you need to be treated with Chlorhexidine with Cetrимide.

If you are given too much Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide

The doctor or nurse giving you Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide is trained and qualified, so it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose.

If you think that you have been given too much, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Call the Poisons Information Centre if you swallow this product.

5. What should I know while receiving Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide?

Things you should do

Remind any doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you have received Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide.

Tell your doctor immediately if you develop a rash, hives, red or tingling skin after being given Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide.

If these symptoms worsen, Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide may need to be stopped.

Things you should not do

- Do not swallow or inject this product.
- Do not use this product around the eyes, on the tissues around the brain, or in the ear canal (especially perforated eardrums).
- Do not use this product in the mouth.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide affects you.

This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

Drinking alcohol

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.

It is not known how drinking alcohol affects this medicine.

Looking after your medicine

Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide will be stored in the pharmacy or in the ward, kept below 30°C and away from light.

If for any reason, you need to keep this product at home, it should be stored in a locked cupboard.

- Store below 30°C.
- Do not freeze.
- Protect from light.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool, dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

Your doctor or nurse will discard any unused medicine. They will not save unused portions for later, either for you or anyone else.

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tingling, pins and needles, burning, numbness, or a feeling like the skin is crawling• change in taste or sensation of burning of the tongue	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
Allergic-reaction related: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing or a tight feeling in your chest• fatigue, dizziness, light headedness, fainting, palpitations or altered heart beat• rash, hives, red or tingling skin Eye related (when in contact with eyes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• blurry vision• sudden vision changes• eye irritation	Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eye damage <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skin burns in newborn babies 	
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Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Chlorhexidine acetate and Cetrimide
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Tartrazine Glacial acetic acid Water for Injections
Potential allergens	Chlorhexidine acetate and Cetrimide

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide looks like

Baxter Chlorhexidine Acetate with Cetrimide antiseptic solutions are yellow sterile solutions.

Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide is available in the following strengths and bottle sizes:

- BAXTER 0.015% Chlorhexidine & 0.15% Cetrimide antiseptic solution bottle: 100mL, 500mL and 1000mL – Aust R 19458
- BAXTER Chlorhexidine 0.05% Cetrimide 0.5% antiseptic solution bottle: 100mL, 500mL and 1000mL – Aust R 19460
- BAXTER Chlorhexidine 0.1% Cetrimide 1% aqueous solution bottle: 100mL, 500mL and 1000mL – Aust R 19462

Not all products may be marketed.

Who distributes Chlorhexidine with Cetrimide

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