Application steps for Chlorhexidine gel to the newborn umbilical cord in the immediate post delivery period

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1. Chlorhexidine for newborn cord care exists in different preparations and packages. Always store your Chlorhexidine in a cool, clean, dry place.

2. Open and squeeze the tube or sachet to apply Chlorhexidine gel.

3. Wash hands properly with soap under running water.

4. Application of the gel to the umbilical cord
   - A. Apply gel on the base of the umbilical cord. Use finger to spread the gel.
   - B. Apply gel on the stump of the umbilical cord
   - C. Apply gel on the tip of the umbilical cord

5. Do not clean off any Chlorhexidine gel from the umbilical cord after application.
   - Do not apply anything else after applying Chlorhexidine.

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Application of the gel to the umbilical cord
Application steps for Chlorhexidine solution to the newborn umbilical cord in the immediate post delivery period

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1. Open tube or container of 7.1% Chlorhexidine digluconate (to deliver 4% chlorhexidine).

2. Wash hands properly with soap under running water.

3. Open and squeeze the bottle to apply the Chlorhexidine solution on the stump.

4. Application of the solution to the umbilical cord
   - A. Squeeze the bottle to apply solution on the base of the umbilical cord; ensure application to all parts of the base. Several drops will be required. The finger is not required to spread the solution.
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Application steps for Chlorhexidine solution to the newborn umbilical cord at time of delivery

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The following care should be given to all newborns:

- Wipe the baby immediately after birth using a soft, clean and dry cloth and wrap the baby with another dry cloth to keep baby warm.
- Apply Tetracycline eye ointment. Immediately after cutting the cord, apply Chlorhexidine to the cord and nothing else.
- Keep the baby in skin to skin contact.
- Initiate breast-feeding within one hour of birth.
- Delay bathing the baby at least 24 hours after birth.

NOTE: Do not apply Chlorhexidine to the eyes, ears and nose of the baby.
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