

List of manufacturers of 7.1% chlorhexidine digluconate for umbilical cord care

The Chlorhexidine Working Group (CWG) provides the following list of manufacturers of 7.1% chlorhexidine digluconate for informational purposes. The CWG is not a regulatory authority and the inclusion of products or manufacturers in the list below does not indicate or imply approval, recommendation, or endorsement by the CWG.

The United Nations Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children¹ calls for pharmaceutical companies that manufacture 7.1% chlorhexidine digluconate for umbilical cord care to (1) have Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certificates, and (2) purchase the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) from quality manufacturers, especially those that are compliant with the most current GMP (cGMP). The CWG recommends that procurers consult with the relevant regulatory authority in the country in which they plan to distribute and use the chlorhexidine product, and that they ensure the chlorhexidine product that is being procured has been manufactured, tested, and approved for sale according to applicable regulations and standards. Additionally, procurers may wish to ensure the quality of the same chlorhexidine for umbilical cord care product by having it evaluated by third-party laboratories.

Manufacturers of 7.1% chlorhexidine digluconate for umbilical cord care (in alphabetical order).

Product	Dosage form	Manufacturer (contact information)	Country of Origin
Hexicord®	Solution	ACI Limited (http://www.aci-bd.com/)	Bangladesh
Chlorxy-G® Gel	Gel	Drugfield Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (http://www.drugfieldpharma.com/)	Nigeria
Umbipro™	Gel	GSK (http://www.gsk.com/)	United Kingdom*
Kawach	Gel	Lomus Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd. (http://www.lomus.com.np/)	Nepal
CHX Gel	Gel	Universal Corporation Ltd. (http://ucl.co.ke/)	Kenya

* Umbipro™ received a positive opinion from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for the prevention of omphalitis (infection of the umbilical cord) in newborn infants. This application was submitted and reviewed under Article 58 of Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004, a pathway offered by EMA in co-operation with the World Health Organization (WHO) for products exclusively intended for markets outside the European Union.

7.1% chlorhexidine digluconate for umbilical cord care can also be purchased from the UNICEF Supply Division Catalogue (<https://supply.unicef.org>).

For more information, please contact chx@healthynewbornnetwork.org.

¹ Every Women Every Child. UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children Implementation Plan. 2012. Available at: http://www.everywomaneverychild.org/images/Implementation_plan_Sept_2012.pdf.