Application of Liquid 7.1% Chlorhexidine Digluconate for Umbilical Cord Care

Antiseptic liquid for the umbilical cord to prevent cord infection and save infant lives.

Instructions for use in home birth settings.

**APPLY CHLORHEXIDINE IMMEDIATELY AFTER CUTTING THE CORD.**

**Precaution:** Keep chlorhexidine away from eyes and ears. Keep the chlorhexidine liquid in dry and cool place, away from light. As with all medicines, keep away from children while it is being stored. Discard any remaining product after specified application period.

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**STEP 1**
Wash your hands with clean water and soap, before applying the chlorhexidine liquid. Let hands air dry after washing.

**STEP 2**
Squeeze the bottle to apply the chlorhexidine liquid to the tip of the umbilical cord.

**STEP 3**
Squeeze the bottle to apply the chlorhexidine solution to the stump of the umbilical cord.

**STEP 4**
Squeeze the bottle to apply the chlorhexidine liquid to the base of the umbilical cord.
Make sure that the entire umbilical cord is soaked.

Do not clean off any liquid from umbilical cord after application.
Do not touch any part of the bottle to the umbilical area.

**STEP 5**
Wash your hands after applying the chlorhexidine liquid. Do not apply any other substance to the cord or surrounding area.

**STEP 6**
Allow the chlorhexidine to dry on the infant’s skin. Leave area uncovered and exposed to air or cover it loosely with clean clothing. Do not bind area tightly.

**STEP 7**
Continue to apply the chlorhexidine liquid once daily until the 7th day following the birth even after the cord has fallen off.*

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