

Hibiclens Antimicrobial Skin Cleanser FAQ

Q. How do I use Hibiclens?

A. Generally speaking, use Hibiclens as you would use other liquid soaps with a few minor changes. For general skin cleansing: thoroughly rinse the area to be cleansed with water. Apply the minimum amount of Hibiclens necessary to cover the skin or wound area and wash gently. Rinse thoroughly. Be sure to keep out of eyes, ears, and mouth, and do not use in the genital area. Refer to Drug Facts label for full directions for use and indications.

Q. How can Hibiclens protect for up to 24 hours?

A. The active ingredient in Hibiclens binds safely to the skin, providing a germ-killing field that can last for up to 24 hours.¹ The unique properties of this ingredient are why healthcare professionals have used Hibiclens for over 40 years and continue to use it today!

Q. Why is Hibiclens pink?

A. Hibiclens has been used in hospitals for many years as an antiseptic hand cleanser, and its color relates back to its acute care history. It is pink for identification purposes to prevent mistakes in the operating room.

Q. Do I need a prescription to buy Hibiclens?

A. No, Hibiclens are available over the counter in many places where you may shop every day, including drug, grocery and mass retailers. Look for it in the First Aid section. Your healthcare professional may recommend you use Hibiclens for various reasons, but a prescription is not required for use.

Q. I accidentally got some of the product on my towel. How do I get a stain out?

A. If Hibiclens gets onto cloth, do not bleach it! Using bleach may cause a reaction that will leave a brown stain.

Q. Can Hibiclens be used as a topical treatment of skin infections?

A. Hibiclens is not indicated as a treatment for skin infections. It has an antiseptic activity and a persistent effect against a wide range of microorganisms, and should be used as a skin cleanser to help reduce bacteria that potentially can cause disease. Hibiclens prevents skin infections, thereby reducing the risk of cross-infection.

Q. Can I use Hibiclens if I am pregnant?

A. Yes. You do not need to discontinue use of Hibiclens if you are pregnant. Simply be sure to use as directed.

Q. Can I wash my face with Hibiclens?

A. Hibiclens should not be used as a patient preoperative preparation of the head or face. When using Hibiclens, be sure to keep out of the eyes, ears and mouth. Refer to Drug Facts label for full directions for use and indications.

Q. Is it safe to use Hibiclens while taking other medications?

A. It is safe to use Hibiclens while taking other medications; however, some topical products, such as lotions, shampoos, and deodorants, may interfere with the binding of Hibiclens to the skin.² If you have concerns, please check with your healthcare professional to determine if a topical medication is compatible with Hibiclens.

Q. Is Hibiclens safe for my kids?

A. Hibiclens is strong enough for medical use, yet gentle enough for daily use. It is safe for a child to use, though parents should always supervise use by younger children. Keep out of the reach of children, as the product can cause damage to the eyes and ears if used improperly. Finally, use with caution in premature infants and infants less than two months of age, as chlorhexidine products may cause irritation or chemical burns in these populations.

Q. My child has sensitive skin; will Hibiclens irritate her?

A. Dermatological testing has shown that Hibiclens is very mild on user skin – nearly as mild as water!³ However, sensitivities and allergies do exist. If irritation occurs, please stop using Hibiclens immediately. Stop using and ask doctor if irritation, sensitization, or allergic reaction occurs, as these may be signs of a serious condition.

Q. Should I replace my hand soap in all my bathrooms or use as needed?

A. Hibiclens is an antiseptic skin cleanser that helps reduce bacteria that potentially can cause disease. It is safe for everyday use, so use the product as needed, or as directed by your healthcare professional.

Q. A child on my son's football team has a staph infection. Should my son start using Hibiclens before practice or games?

A. Hibiclens prevents skin infections, thereby lowering the risk of cross-infection. It helps reduce bacteria that potentially can cause disease. Skin infections are common in contact sports, and Hibiclens has been used by athletes for many years to help prevent these infections.

Q. How can I get Hibiclens in my son's locker room for the whole team to use?

A. Hibiclens is available to athletic trainers everywhere through various distribution outlets. Make your son's coach aware of the product, and spread the word with his teammates' parents. Hibiclens is also available online and in retail outlets, such as Walmart, Target and Walgreens, so even if the facility will not provide the product, the individuals on the team can still get Hibiclens in order to protect themselves. If you like Hibiclens, the best compliment you can give us is a recommendation to your friends!