

Pre-Operative Soap Instructions for Body and Breast Surgery Patients

Hibiclens is a cleansing agent commonly used to clean the body immediately before an operation. Studies have found that using Hibiclens to clean the body the day before and morning of an operation is associated with lower infection rates. As part of our continuous efforts to improve patient care and minimize adverse events, you have been given two packets of Hibiclens soap as part of your pre-operative preparation.

Use it similar to a gel soap (with a shower puff or wash cloth) to wash yourself both the evening before and the morning of surgery. Concentrate your wash on the area of your operation using the entire package of Hibiclens. Wait one minute before rinsing off completely. Do not use on your head and neck. Do not apply lotion, body spray/perfume, or deodorant after showering with Hibiclens.

As part of one of our quality control projects, you will be asked a few questions about your Hibiclens use when you check in for surgery. Please call during office hours the day before your procedure at 377-9515 if you have any last moment questions. We look forward to your surgery.