

MRSA Decontamination for Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery Patients

- Two chlorhexidine baths prior to surgery
 - Night before surgery
 - Morning of surgery
 - No lotions, creams, ointments, or powders
- Dose of peridex and mupirocin the night before and morning before surgery for inpatients
- Dose of peridex and mupirocin in the preoperative holding area the morning of surgery for outpatients
- Cefuroxime (vancomycin in allergic patients) given within 1 hr before incision; redosed based on length of surgical case
- Give 10 doses of peridex (even if not intubated) and mupirocin postoperatively
- Chlorhexidine baths as per PICU policy postoperatively
- Undiluted chlorhexidine cleaning of incision and chest tube sites daily until healed once dressing is removed
- Early teaching of parents regarding why this is done and how they can help in the care of their child
- Orders will be in cardiac postop order set

After echos with exposed incision and chest tube sites: Wipe off all the gel first. Please wash off chest tube sites and mediastinal incision with undiluted chlorhexidine soap. Wipe off any excess soap and leave open to air.