

Memorandum

TO: To: Hospital Nursing

FROM: From: Gloria Karr, Infection Prevention

RE: Chlorhexidine Baths

DATE: April 15, 2013

In order to continue our efforts to prevent infection in patients who have had Surgery (SSI), as well as Bloodstream infections in patients having central lines such as PICCs and Ports (CLABSI), Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) and Ventilator-associated events (VAE), the following will take place *immediately*:

- Each patient having Surgery will be bathed with Sage Chlorhexidine Wipes on their *first post-op day, then daily until allowed to shower.*
- Each patient having a **Central line, Foley catheter, or Ventilator** will be bathed with Sage Chlorhexidine Wipes *DAILY.*
- Please refer any questions to your unit Director or to Infection Prevention department-X6654 or 6428.