

Sanicord™ Gel

Chlorhexidine Gluconate 7.1% w/w



Presentation

Sanicord™ Gel: Each gram gel contains Chlorhexidine Gluconate solution BP equivalent to Chlorhexidine Gluconate 71 mg.

Pharmacology

Chlorhexidine has a wide range of antimicrobial activity. Chlorhexidine is effective against a wide range of Gram negative and Gram positive vegetative bacteria, yeasts, dermatophyte fungi and lipophilic viruses.

Indications and uses

For use in newborn infants only to prevent omphalitis (infection of the umbilical cord).

Dosage and administration

For external use only.

The recommended dose is 3 gram gel applied once daily for seven days. Healthcare providers should take account of local umbilical cord care guidelines regarding single dose application. The first application must occur within 24 hours of birth.

For infants born at less than 32 weeks gestation (or weighing less than 1.5 kg at birth), the recommended dose is a single 3 gram gel applied once only in the first 24 hours after birth.

Apply Sanicord gel as soon as possible within 24 hours after birth. Clean the umbilical cord stump and the skin around the base of the stump with a dry cloth prior to applying Sanicord gel. Apply adequate content of the tube to ensure complete coverage of the umbilical cord, from the cut surface to the base and including the immediate surrounding abdominal skin. Wash hands before and after use.

Sanicord gel should not be applied in combination with any other product. Occlusive dressings should not be applied to the umbilical cord stump, as doing so could increase the absorption of the product through the dermis.

Contraindications

Sanicord gel should not be handled by caregivers with a known history of hypersensitivity to chlorhexidine or to any of the excipients in this formulation.

Side effects

- Severe allergic reactions; Signs include: raised and itchy rash (hives), swelling sometimes of the face or mouth, difficulty in breathing, collapse or loss of consciousness.
- Redness or skin irritation around the umbilical cord.

Warning and Precautions

Do not inject or swallow. Keep out of the eyes and ears and do not use over large areas of the body. If Sanicord comes into contact with the eyes, wash out promptly and thoroughly with clean water.

Use in Pregnancy & Lactation

Not applicable.

Drug interactions

Not known but should not be applied in combination with any other product.

Overdose

This has not been reported.

Storage condition

Do not store above 30 °C. Keep away from light & out of the reach of children.

Commercial Pack

Sanicord™ Gel: Each tube contains 6 gm of gel.