

# Hibitane™

## Obstetric Cream

Chlorhexidine Gluconate 1% w/w  
(equivalent to 5% v/w Chlorhexidine  
Gluconate Solution Ph. Eur)

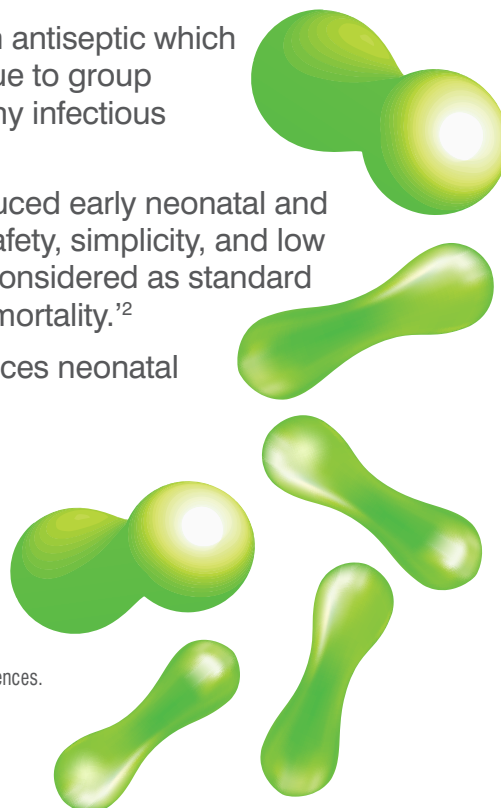


## About Chlorhexidine

Chlorhexidine is a highly effective antiseptic and antimicrobial which is effective against a wide range of Gram negative and Gram positive vegetative bacteria, yeasts, dermatophyte fungi and lipophilic viruses.<sup>1</sup>

## Benefits of using Chlorhexidine in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

- 'Chlorhexidine is a well tolerated broad spectrum antiseptic which has been shown to reduce neonatal morbidity due to group B streptococcus. It is capable of neutralizing many infectious agents, viral and bacterial.'<sup>2</sup>
- 'Cleansing the birth canal with chlorhexidine reduced early neonatal and maternal postpartum infectious problems. The safety, simplicity, and low cost of the procedure suggest that it should be considered as standard care to lower infant and maternal morbidity and mortality.'<sup>2</sup>
- 'Chlorhexidine cord application significantly reduces neonatal sepsis and mortality.'<sup>3</sup>



### References:

1. Ref: Derma UK Ltd., 'Summary of Hibitane™ Obstetric Cream Product Characteristics (SmPC)' 2019.
2. A. Fayed Bakr et al, Effect of Cleansing the Birth Canal with Antiseptic Solution on Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in Alexandria, American Journal of Paediatrics. July 2002, p. 379-383.
3. Gelano et al, Effect of chlorhexidine cord application on prevention of neonatal sepsis in developing countries: Systematic review and meta-analysis. International Journal of Health Sciences. January 2019; 13(1): p. 40-51.

### Hibitane™ Obstetric Cream - Abbreviated Prescribing Information

**Presentation:** Hibitane™ Obstetric Cream is a cream containing Chlorhexidine Gluconate 1% w/w.

**Indication:** An antimicrobial preparation for use as an antiseptic and lubricant in obstetric and gynaecological practice.

**Dosage and Administration:** Apply liberally to the skin around the vulva and perineum of the patient, and to the gloved hands of the midwife or doctor. **Contraindications:** Contraindicated for patients who have previously shown a hypersensitivity reaction to chlorhexidine. However, such reactions are extremely rare. **Warnings and Precautions:** For topical application only. Keep out of the eyes and ears and avoid contact with the brain and meninges. Local stinging and/or chemical burns have been reported following off-label use of gauze packs soaked in Hibitane™ Obstetric Cream and left intra-vaginally for prolonged periods. **Undesirable Effects:** Irritative skin reactions can occasionally occur. Generalised allergic reactions to chlorhexidine including anaphylaxis have been reported but are extremely rare. **Package Quantities:** 50ml, 10 x 50ml and 250ml bottle.

**Pharmaceutical Precautions:** Store below 30°C. **Basic NHS Price:** £4.80 (1 x 50ml), £48.00 (10 x 50ml) and £19.23 (1 x 250ml).

**Legal Category:** GSL. **Marketing Authorisation Number:** PL 19876/0009. **Marketing Authorisation Holder:** Derma UK Ltd, Toffee Factory, Ouseburn, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2DF, UK. "Hibitane" and "Derma UK" are registered Trade Marks. **Date of Revision of Text:** August 2021.

Please refer to the full SmPC before prescribing this product. Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. Adverse events should also be reported to Derma UK on +44 (0) 191 375 9020.

