### **MaineHealth**

#### PATIENT EDUCATION

# How to Shower Before Surgery

## Instructions for Hip or Knee Replacement Surgery

Follow these instructions the day before and the morning of your surgery.

#### What you will need:

- Hibiclens®
- Clean washcloth
- Clean towel

#### What to do

- **1.** Shower as you normally would with your regular soap and shampoo. Rinse off thoroughly.
  - » Do not shave 24 hours prior to surgery.
- 2. Turn off the water.
- **3.** Squeeze half of the bottle of Hibiclens® onto a clean, damp wash cloth.
- **4.** Use the wash cloth to gently wash your body from the neck down. Avoid your eyes, face, ears, and private areas.

- **5.** Continue to gently wash your body for 3-5 minutes. Be sure to gently wash the area where you are having surgery.
- **6.** Turn the water back on and rinse your body off.
- 7. Pat yourself dry with a clean towel.
- **8.** Get dressed in clean clothes.
  - » Do not use lotions, creams or powder after showering.
  - » Do not use deodorant on the day of your surgery.
  - » Do not drink Hibiclens®. For external use only.

#### Mark each check box once complete

- □ 1 day before surgery
- ☐ Morning of surgery

#### If you have any questions

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If you have any questions about showering before surgery, please call our office at 207-781-1551.

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