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## MaineHealth

#### PATIENT EDUCATION

## Infection Prevention... And You!

## How to Shower Before Shoulder Surgery

Follow these instructions 2 days before, the day before and the morning of your surgery.

What you will need:

- Hibiclens®
- Clean washcloth
- Clean towel
- Benzoyl peroxide

#### **Questions?**



If you have any questions about showering before surgery, please call your surgeon's office at 207-773-0040.

### 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 washcloth.
- **4.** Use the washcloth 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 wash the shoulder you are having surgery on.
- **6.** Turn the water back on and rinse your body off.
- 7. Turn water off again.
- **8.** Apply benzoyl peroxide to the washcloth and gently wash your upper body. Be sure to wash the shoulder you are having surgery on. Continue to gently wash for 3 5 minutes.
- **9.** Turn water back on and rinse your body well.
- **10.** Pat yourself dry with a clean towel.
- 11. 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.