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Hand Irritation Study

Hibiclens® has the lowest potential for skin irritation of 12 tested antiseptics - almost as low as water.

METHOD

PRACS Institute, a dermatological testing lab, conducted a 14-day cumulative irritation study to demonstrate the comparative irritation potential of a range of skin antiseptics.

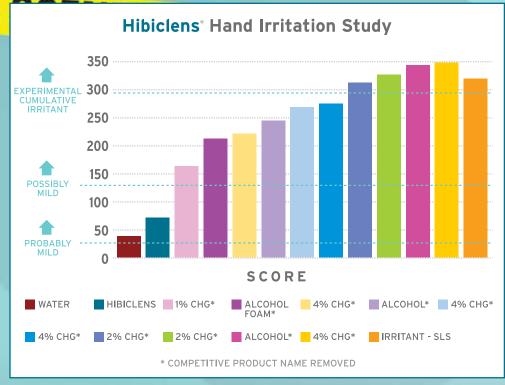
RESULTS

- Hibiclens showed the lowest irritation potential of the 12 tested antiseptics, almost as low as water.
- Not all CHG-containing antiseptics are the same many include potential irritants. A "me too" antiseptic with 4.0% CHG does not perform like Hibiclens.
- The 2% CHG products were more irritating than the Hibiclens 4.0% CHG, which suggests that the active ingredient, CHG, is not the major cause of irritation.
- · Skin irritation can reduce hand hygiene compliance, and compromised dry, cracked skin exposes healthcare workers to an increased risk of infection from pathogens.

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