

## Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.05% irrigation solution

### **What is this medication for?**

Chlorhexidine Gluconate solution is an antiseptic that helps to prevent infection. It can be used for disinfecting wounds or cleaning the skin before procedures to prevent infection.

### **How should I take/use this medication?**

- Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.05% irrigation solution should be use undiluted for irrigation to the wound area.
- Discard the irrigation solution after 24 hours of opening
- Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.05% irrigation solution is for external use only and should not be swallowed or injected
- If the solution comes into contact with your eyes, nose, mouth or ears, rinse well with water
- If you accidentally swallow the solution, consult a doctor immediately.

### **What should I do if I forget to take/use this medication?**

If you forget to use the solution, use it as soon as you remember.

### **What precautions should I take?**

Inform your healthcare professional if:

- You are allergic to chlorhexidine or any of the other ingredients of this solution
- You are pregnant or breastfeeding

Avoid use in children below 2 months old as it may increase the risk of chemical skin burns.

Common bleaches (which contain hypochlorites) may cause brown stains to develop on fabrics which have previously been in contact with chlorhexidine.

### **What are some common side-effects of this medication?**

- Erythema (redness of the skin)
- Dry skin
- Skin irritation

### **What are some rare but serious side-effects that I need to seek medical advice immediately?**

The symptoms of drug allergic reactions include one or more of the following:

- Swollen face/eyes/lips/tongue
- Difficulty in breathing
- Itchy skin rashes over your whole body

If you experience any of these symptoms, you should stop your medication and see your healthcare professional immediately.

### **How should I store this medication?**

Store in a cool and dry place, away from direct sunlight. Do not store above 30 degrees Celsius. Keep this medication away from children.

### **How should I throw away this medication safely?**

Pack this medication into a black trash bag and seal it tightly before throwing into the rubbish chute or bin.

### **Disclaimers**

Please take note that the above is not a complete list of all possible side effects. If you have any concerns about your medication or if you have other side effects that you think are caused by this medication, please consult your doctor or pharmacist.

If you take more than the recommended dose, please seek medical advice immediately. The information provided on this page does not replace information from your healthcare professional. Please consult your healthcare professional for more information.

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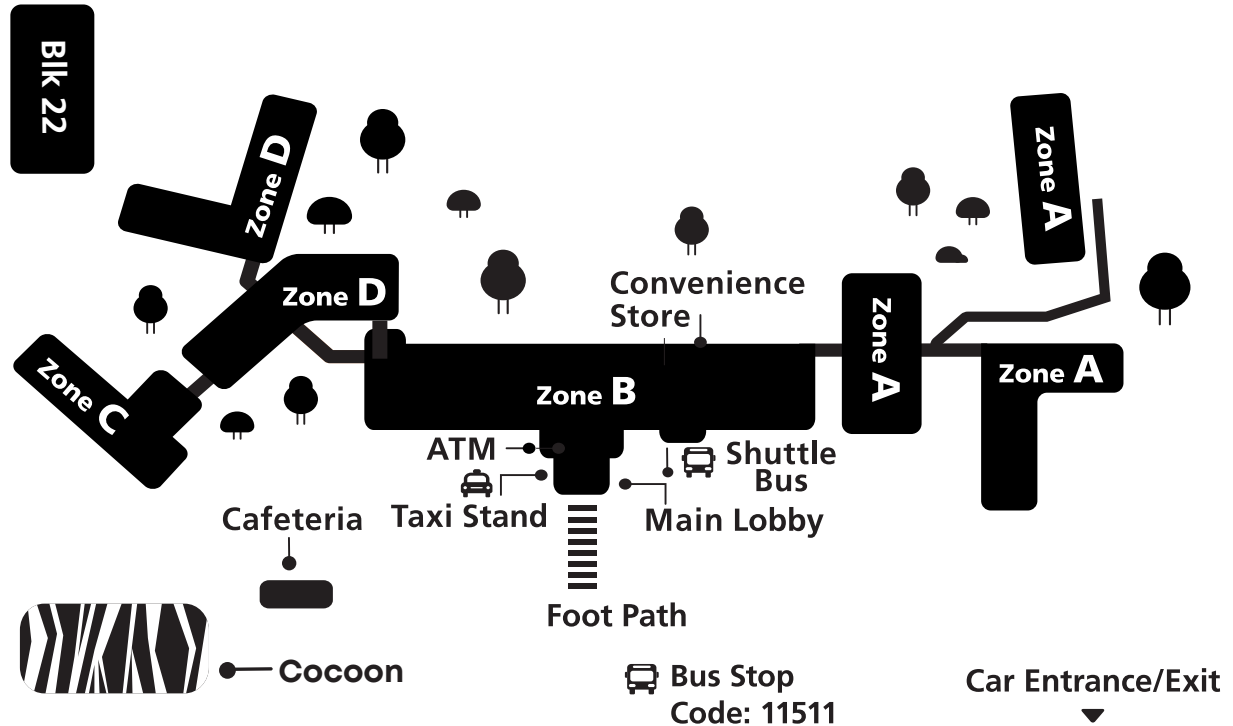
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