



# 3M™ Cavilon™ Moisturizing Hand Lotion

## Commonly Asked Questions

**Q:** Can Cavilon Moisturizing Hand Lotion be used by surgery personnel?

**A:** Yes, Cavilon Moisturizing Hand Lotion can be used by healthcare providers after surgical procedures. It is CHG compatible, so will not interfere with the activity of CHG. It is also latex glove compatible.

**Q:** What is the implication if I use a lotion that is not CHG compatible?

**A:** The most important advantage of using an antimicrobial scrub or hand prep containing chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) is it will provide persistent bacterial kill. This persistent activity keeps bacterial counts on the hands low over time. Because of this, it is important to consider what other products are being used to moisturize or clean the hands. Some moisturizers and nearly all gelled hand sanitizers react with CHG to form an insoluble salt. It has been well established in the literature that when chlorhexidine is converted, wholly or partly, to an insoluble salt, a loss of antibacterial action is to be expected. Consequently, use of a moisturizer or hand sanitizer that is CHG compatible is desirable.



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