

# Skills Checklist

## 3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic

(Povidone-Iodine Solution 5% w/w [0.5% available iodine] USP)

Patient Preoperative Skin Preparation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: The goal of applying 3M Skin and Nasal antiseptic is to help reduce the risk of surgical site infections by reducing *S. aureus* and other bacteria in the nares. Members of the perioperative team must be knowledgeable about the benefits of addressing patient bacteria prior to surgery. They must demonstrate competence in the application and use of 3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic.

Performance criteria: Validation by demonstration in actual or simulated environment	Met	Comments
<b>Prior to application</b>		
1. Review packaging for all warnings, contraindications and instructions for use.		
2. Do not use if patient has a known sensitivity to iodine		
<b>Nasal Application</b>		
3. Hand hygiene should be performed both prior to application of product and after application is complete.		
4. Use a tissue to clean the inside of both nostrils including the inside tip of the nostril. Discard.		
5. Tilting the bottle slightly, dip one swab into solution and stir vigorously for 10 seconds. Withdraw the swab slowly to avoid wiping solution off during removal.		
6. Insert swab comfortably into one nostril and rotate for 15 seconds covering all surfaces. Then focus on the inside tip of nostril and rotate for an additional 15 seconds. (swab 1)		
7. Using a new swab: Repeat steps 5 & 6 with the other nostril. (swab 2)		
8. Repeat the application in both nostrils using a fresh swab each time. (swabs 3 & 4)		
9. Do not blow nose. If solution drips out of nose, it can be lightly dabbed with a tissue.		

Facility Evaluator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_