The evidence speaks for itself.

3M is on the forefront of skin and nasal antiseptic studies.

Evidence for 3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic (Povidone-Iodine Solution 5% w/w [0.5% available iodine] USP) Patient Preoperative Skin Preparation exhibits large breadth, high quality, and strong outcomes across multiple end-points.

20+ Supporting pieces of evidence (As of July 2021)

“...finding that an off-the-shelf PI [povidone iodine] is not as efficacious as an SNA [skin and nasal antiseptic] product, specifically manufactured for nasal decolonization of S. aureus, and in fact is no better than placebo in this setting.”

Breadth of evidence

3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic study publications with positive outcomes — showing both clinical and economic success when used as part of a comprehensive perioperative bundle.

Hierarchy of evidence

- **Level 1**: High-quality, multicenter or single-center, randomized controlled trial with adequate power, or systematic review of these studies
- **Level 2**: Lesser-quality, randomized controlled trial; prospective cohort or comparative study; or systematic review of these studies
- **Level 3**: Retrospective cohort or comparative study; case-control study; or systematic review of these studies
- **Level 4**: Case series with pre/post test or only post test
- **Level 5**: Expert opinion developed via consensus process; case report or clinical example; or evidence based on physiology, bench research or “first principles”
Strength of outcomes

3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic is supported by evidence that met or exceeded the hypotheses across multiple end-points including microbiological impacts that were associated with infection risk reduction outcomes and economic success when used as part of a comprehensive perioperative solution.3-7

Microbiological impacts
Infection risk reduction
Economic impacts

3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic has been extensively researched and has more published peer-reviewed and investigator-initiated studies than any other nasal decolonization antiseptic competitor. (As of July 2021)

Base your practice on evidence.
And 3M science.

Many clinicians believe, “iodine is iodine.” However, 3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic’s patented formulation was developed specifically for the nasal environment.

Unique formula

Iodine rapidly becomes inactive in the pH of the nose, but 3M™ Skin and Nasal Antiseptic has film forming technology designed to maintain the active iodine.8

For details and clinical evidence, visit go.3M.com/skinandnasal

8. 3M data on file: EM-05-011017.