

Before you name a winner, ask who was not invited.

(And why?)



The *New England Journal of Medicine* study didn't include DuraPrep solution. In a recent study of skin preps, published by the *New England Journal of Medicine*,¹ it was pointed out that a povidone-iodine-based prep didn't perform as well as a CHG-based prep. What *wasn't* pointed out is that 3M™ DuraPrep™ Surgical Solution (Iodine Povacrylex [0.7% available iodine] and Isopropyl Alcohol, 74% w/w) Patient Preoperative Skin Preparation was not included in this study, and its active ingredient is *not* povidone-iodine. In other words, you can't draw conclusions about DuraPrep solution from this study. To learn more about the surprising differences between surgical patient preps, visit us at www.3M.com/duraprep.

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1 Darouiche RO, Wall MJ Jr, Itani KM, Otterson MF, Webb AL, Carrick MM, et al. Chlorhexidine-alcohol versus povidone-iodine for surgical-site antisepsis. *N Engl J Med* 2010; 362: 18–26.
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