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**TITLE:** 3M Avagard for Surgical Hand Antisepsis

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**PURPOSE:** To outline the procedure of the use of 3M Avagard in the surgical setting.

**SUPPORTIVE DATA:**

**EQUIPMENT LIST:**

**CONTENT:**

**PROCEDURE STEPS**

**KEY POINTS:**

**Surgical Hand Antiseptic**

1. Apply to clean, dry hands and nails. For the first use of each day, clean under nails with a nail stick.
2. Dispense one pump (2ml) of lotion into the palm of hand.
3. Dip the fingertips of the opposite hand into the lotion and work it under the nails. Spread the remaining lotion and work it under the nails. Spread the remaining lotion over the hand and up to just above the elbow.
4. Using another 2 ml of lotion, repeat above steps with the other hand.
5. Dispense another 2 ml of lotion into either hand and reapply to all aspects of both hands up to the wrists.
6. Allow to dry before donning gloves.

**Healthcare Personnel Hand Antiseptic**

1. Apply to clean, dry hands and nails.
2. Dispense one pump (2 ml) into the palm of one hand.
3. Paying particular attention to the spaces between fingers and under the fingernails, apply the lotion evenly to cover both hands up to the wrists.
4. Allow to dry without wiping.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

**REFERENCE:** 3M™ Avagard™ Surgical and Healthcare Personnel Hand Antiseptic NDA 21-047/A-019; May 2001.