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Chlorhexidine

1 Nonproprietary Names

BP: Chlorhexidine Acetate
Chlorhexidine Gluconate Solution
Chlorhexidine Hydrochloride

JP: Chlorhexidine Gluconate Solution
Chlorhexidine Hydrochloride

PhEur: Chlorhexidine Diacetate
Chlorhexidine Digluconate Solution
Chlorhexidine Dihydrochloride

USP–NF: Chlorhexidine Acetate
Chlorhexidine Gluconate Solution
Chlorhexidine Hydrochloride

Chlorhexidine is usually encountered as the acetate, gluconate, or hydrochloride salt, and a number of pharmacopeias contain monographs for such materials. *See* Sections 9 and 17.

2 Synonyms

See Table I.

Table I: Synonyms of chlorhexidine and its salts.

Name	Synonym
Chlorhexidine	1,6-bis[*N*′-(*p*-Chlorophenyl)-*N*^{5}-biguanido]hexane; *N*,*N*″-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,12-diimino-2,4,11,13-tetraazatetradecanediimidamide; 1,6-di(4′-chlorophenyldiguanido)hexane; 1,1′-hexamethylene-bis[5-(*p*-chlorophenyl)biguanide]; Hibitane.
Chlorhexidine acetate	Chlorhexidini acetas; chlorhexidini diacetas; chlorhexidine diacetate; 1,1′-hexamethylenebis[5-(4-chlorophenyl)biguanide] diacetate; Hibitane diacetate.
Chlorhexidine gluconate	Chlorhexidine digluconate; chlorhexidini digluconatis;chlorhexidini digluconatis solutio; 1,1′-hexamethylenebis[5-(4-chlorophenyl)biguanide] digluconate.
Chlorhexidine hydrochloride	Chlorhexidini dihydrochloridum; chlorhexidine dihydrochloride; chlorhexidini hydrochloridum; 1,1′-hexamethylenebis[5-(4-chlorophenyl)biguanide]dihydrochloride.

3 Chemical Name and CAS Registry Number

Chlorhexidine 1*E*-2-[6-[[Amino-[[amino-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]methylidene]amino]methylidene]amino]hexyl]-1-[amino-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]methylidene]guanidine [55-56-1]
See Table II for CAS registry numbers of chlorhexidine salts.

4 Empirical Formula and Molecular Weight

See Table III.

5 Structural Formula