

## Final Guidance Document: Human-Use Antiseptic Drugs Final Revisions Posted

Health Canada's Bureau of Gastroenterology, Infection and Viral Diseases has completed the revisions to content and format and posted the Final Guidance Document: Human-Use Antiseptic Drugs.

These guidelines are effective immediately.

The guidelines apply to Drugs and Natural Health Product antiseptic skin products for human use that are outside the scope of the joint TPD-NHPD Category IV Monograph for *Antiseptic Skin Cleansers*.

Some examples include:

- Personal Domestic Use – For products with claims not covered by the monograph (e.g. Kills 99.9% of bacteria)
- Personal Commercial Use – For use by the general public outside of home (e.g., public washrooms)
- Professional Food Premises – For use by food handlers (e.g. food processing plants, restaurants,)
- Professional Healthcare Use – For professional healthcare use (e.g. hospitals, nursing homes, dental offices)

These guidelines define the test methods, test organisms, data requirements and labeling required for product submission.

These guidelines do not apply to products for burn victims, first aid, or application to sites other than the skin.

These guidelines may be viewed and downloaded from:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/applic-demande/guide-ld/index-eng.php>