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FOAMABLE CHLORHEXIDINE-CONTAINING
SYSTEM

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An aqueous, foamable chlorhexidine-nonionic/cationic surfactant system is presented which can be used to form germicidal foams over long periods of time. Aqueous systems containing chlorhexidine [1,6-di-(4-chlorophenylidiguano)hexane] salts are combined with nonionic or cationic surfactants having an HLB of at least 10 and preferably in the range of 12-18. Preferred surfactants are selected from combinations of polyoxyethylene ethers or partial hexitan esters of fatty acids having 12-24 carbon atoms, fatty alcohols, and polyoxyethylene derivatives of fatty alcohols having 10-18 carbon atoms, polyhydric materials such as sorbitol and carboxyl-vinyl polymers are included.