

Background

In a neonatal care setting sterile saline wipes are most typically used for umbilical cord and eye care. Historically saline solution or sterile water is used for cleaning the umbilicus and “sticky” eyes, usually applied with gauze^{1,2,3}. There is a belief that a weak saline solution may offer some advantages over just water¹.

Sterile saline wipes offer greater convenience and reduce wastage. When using wipes it is important to ensure that they are manufactured with a soft material so they do not cause any irritation of a baby’s delicate skin or eyes. It is important to have individual packing of each wipe rather than any bulk dispenser to ensure that sterility is preserved.



Product Information

Delta Medical International supply wipes that are manufactured in soft fabric, saturated with sterile water containing saline (0.9% NaCl). They are alcohol and latex free and individually packed in sealed pouches.

The wipes offer a safe and convenient way of caring for newborn babies, reducing waste and cost.

Wipes are suitably sized for neonatal care applications at 9x9cm. They come folded into quarters for convenience when treating very small babies. The soft fabric makes them much gentler on the skin than alternative products using paper or crepe based material.

Ordering Information

Part No.	Description
DCP003	Sterile saline wipes (0.9%), 9x9cm, box of 2000

Product is supplied in 20 boxes of 100 wipes, for convenience of storage and use in a number of locations.

References

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