

Hair Removal

Before the Service:

- Perform hand hygiene.
- Ensure that any part of the client's body to be treated is clean and free from cuts, rash, fungus or visible skin disease.

You do not have to see blood or bodily fluids on instruments for an infection to occur.

Equipment:

- All products (e.g., wax, sugar, thread, powder, etc.) must be dispensed in a manner that does not contaminate the remaining portion. These products cannot be re-used.
- Used wooden applicators or spatulas must never be stored on top of the wax pots as the drippings may contaminate the remaining wax. **No double-dipping or dipping hands/fingers!**
- Individual cartridges used to roll wax onto the skin must be discarded after each client.
- Equipment and instruments that cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected between clients must be single-use (e.g., wooden applicators, cotton balls, swabs, muslin cloths, tissues, thread, etc.).
- Single-use sterile lancets are preferred for exposing and removing ingrown hair; however, if tweezers are used, they must be cleaned and high-level disinfected after each use.
- Reusable equipment and instruments must be cleaned and then disinfected between clients – refer to *Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization Flowchart*.
Examples:
 - Tweezers and laser tips require intermediate to high-level disinfection
 - Chairs, headrests, and magnifying lamp/light source require low-level disinfection
- Single-use paper liner or clean linen can be used to cover the surface of the waxing table/bed. The paper liner or clean linen must be removed and discarded (linen can be laundered) after each use and the surface of the table/bed must be cleaned and low level disinfected at the end of the day or after each client if direct contact with surface occurred.
- All clean instruments, devices, and items must be stored in a clean and sanitary manner (e.g., covered containers, covered wax, etc.) when not in use.



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