

# Hair Dressing & Barbering

## Before the Service:

- Perform hand hygiene.
- Client's hair and scalp must be examined for open sores, headlice, nits, cuts, or skin rashes. Recommend client to seek medical attention and do not provide service.
- An approved sharps container must be located in areas where needles and sharp items are used.

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

## Equipment:

- All reusable equipment and instruments (e.g., combs, brushes, clipper blades, curlers/rollers, crochet hooks, handles for hairstyling razors) must be cleaned and then low-level disinfected between clients – refer to *Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization Flowchart*.
- Crochet hooks, clippers/trimmers/edgers, and scissors are non-critical items. However, if these items nick the skin, they become semi-critical items and must be cleaned and then disinfected with an intermediate-level disinfectant (high-level disinfectant is recommended).
- Hair feathering/texturizing blade must have a protective guard. If blade contacts skin, blade must be discarded immediately, and handle and cradle must be cleaned and disinfected with a low-level disinfectant.
- Any blades used for shaving skin must be single-use and discarded in an approved sharps container immediately after use.
- For shaving skin, handles and cradles that hold blades in place must be cleaned and then disinfected with low level disinfectant.
- Reusable straight razor with a fixed blade is not recommended. If a straight razor is used, it must be cleaned and sterilized between uses. An approved sterilizer must be on site and follow all sterilizer monitoring procedures. Refer to the following information sheets: *Chemical & Physical Monitoring of Sterilizer* and *Biological Monitoring of Sterilizer*.
- Barbering brushes used in the application of shaving cream cannot be shared between clients. Barbering brushes cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected, thus must be discarded after each use. Containers of shaving cream must be dispensed with single-use applicators.

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- Needles used for hair weaves must be single-use and discarded in an approved sharps container immediately after use.
- If a solid alum block is used, it must be single-use only and disposed immediately.
- To encourage proper cleaning and disinfecting of combs and brushes, the disinfectant solution should be placed next to a reprocessing sink.
- Equipment and instruments that cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected between clients must be single use (e.g., foil, neck strips, etc.).
- When a reusable cape is used around a client's neck, a neck strip or clean towel must be used to keep the protective cover from coming into direct contact with the neck. The used neck strip must be discarded immediately. The towel must be laundered after each use.



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