

Microblading

Before the Service:

- Perform hand hygiene.
- Inspect the skin. Do not treat skin that is inflamed, infected, or with a rash.
- Needles required for the microblading service are to remain in the sterile package until use.
- Approved sharps containers **must** be located in areas where needles and sharps are used.

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

Equipment:

- Single-use, disposable sterile needles or blades must be used and discarded into an approved sharps container immediately after use and not saved for reuse (even with the same client).
- When pre-packaged, sterile items are used (i.e., lancets, blades, etc.), records are required on-site for tracking purposes (i.e., proof of sterility, expiry dates if applicable, name of manufacturer, lot numbers, invoices/receipts, etc.). **Any sterile items without proper records may be seized by a Public Health Inspector.**
- Only certain handles/blade holders can be reused, but not blades. The handle/blade holder must be cleaned, then high-level disinfected and dried before initial use and after each client. Store instruments in a clean, covered container.
- Single-use items, including ink caps, must be disposed immediately after use. Single-use ink caps must be disinfected with an intermediate level disinfectant (e.g., 70-90% alcohol) before use and stored in a clean, covered container.
- Reusable ink caps must be cleaned and sterilized after each use
- All surfaces must be smooth, durable, and easy to clean (i.e., no cloth/soft/absorbent client surfaces).
- Check inks and ensure to use before the expiry date.
- All other reusable tools must be cleaned, then properly disinfected – see the *Cleaning, Disinfecting & Sterilization Flowchart*.

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- Operator must wear gloves during an invasive service. Gloves must be changed after each client and between each service on the same client. Hand hygiene must be conducted prior to putting on gloves and immediately after taking off and discarding gloves.
- If anesthetic is used, only topical local anesthetic is allowed. Injectable anesthetic is prohibited. If a topical local anesthetic is used, the site is to be cleaned with a suitable skin antiseptic* before applying the anesthetic.

*Approved skin antiseptics: povidone-iodine solution, isopropyl alcohol 50-91%, ethyl alcohol 60-95% (by volume), chlorhexidine gluconate 2-4% (except around eyes, inner ear or on mucous membranes), chlorhexidine 0.5% with 70% alcohol, or benzalkonium chloride (BZK) 0-0.13% weight per volume (w/v).

Client Records:

- Client records must be kept on-site for all invasive services and must include date of service, client's contact information (full name, address, telephone number), details of the service, procedure and risks associated with the service were explained to the client, aftercare instructions were given, lot numbers and expiry date (if applicable) of the pre-packaged sterile equipment used in the procedure, and the service provider's full name.
- Records must be kept on file for a minimum of 1 year on-site, and thereafter for a minimum of an additional 2 years (on-site or off-site).

After Care:

- Clients must be given verbal and written information regarding microblading aftercare including:
 - ✓ Clean hands immediately before touching the area
 - ✓ The expected healing time of the site
 - ✓ Description of possible complications and their signs and symptoms
 - ✓ Advice on how to deal with slight redness, pain or swelling
 - ✓ Recommendation to consult with a family physician within 24 hours if any signs of an infection develop
 - ✓ Cover the tattoo with a single-use dressing intended to cover wounds, if required
 - ✓ Ointment may be applied to help prevent infection



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