

Electrolysis and Laser Hair Removal

In addition to *General and Operational Requirements*

Before the Service:

- Inspect the skin. Do not treat inflamed or infected skin or skin with a rash.
- Needles required for electrolysis service are to remain in sterile packages until use.
- Approved sharps containers must be located in the area that the sharps item is used.

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

Equipment:

- Single-use, disposable sterile needles must be used and discarded in an approved sharps container immediately after use.
- Some instruments (e.g. tweezers used to break skin and remove in-grown hairs, etc.) are required to be sterile prior to use. These reusable items must be cleaned and then sterilized by an acceptable method – refer to *Sterilization* information sheet.
- To expose in-grown hairs, single-use sterile needles / lancets can be used.
- All reusable equipment and instruments used to hold sterile items (e.g. tweezers used to install sterile needle into holder, removable cap / tip of epilator needle probe holder, etc.) must be cleaned and then high level disinfected between clients – refer to *Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization Flowchart*.
- All reusable equipment and instruments (e.g. tweezers used to hold or lift hair, scissors used to cut hair, etc.) must be cleaned and then disinfected using the appropriate level disinfectant between clients – refer to *Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization Flowchart*.
- Equipment and instruments that cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected or sterilized between clients must be single-use and discarded after use (e.g. cotton balls, swabs, dental lip rolls, leftover paper towels, wooden applicators, needle & needle holder tip combination units, etc.).
- Reusable equipment / instruments used in laser hair removal must be cleaned, then disinfected or sterilized depending on use. Single-use items (e.g. plastic guides) must be disposed after use.
- Equipment surfaces (e.g. control unit, cord, scissors, magnifying lamp / light source, etc.) touched by the practitioner during the procedure shall be cleaned and then disinfected using the appropriate level disinfectant after each client.

Sterilization

- Refer to the following information sheets: *Sterilization, Chemical & Physical Monitoring of Sterilizer, Biological Monitoring of Sterilizer, and Sterilization Log Sheet*.
- Provide pre-packaged, sterile items or an approved sterilizer – refer to *Sterilization* information sheet.
- If pre-packaged, sterile items are provided, records of all information are required for tracking purposes (e.g. proof of sterility, name of company that sterilizes the needles, lot numbers, invoices / receipts, etc.). **Any items without records to prove sterility may be seized by the Public Health Inspector at time of inspection.**



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