

BODY PIERCING

General Requirements:

- Work area must be clean, tidy and well lit.
- Hand wash sink(s) must be:
 - Located near the work area(s)
 - Supplied with hot and cold running water, liquid soap in a dispenser and single-use paper towels at all times
- Premise must be equipped with a sink(s) for cleaning of equipment/instruments.
- Sterilization must be done in an approved autoclave or dry heat sterilizer.
- Autoclave or dry heat sterilizer must be spore tested monthly and test results available on site.
- Work contact surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected with a low level disinfectant after each client.
- Used needles/sharps must be placed into an approved sharps container.
- Have all required supplies for service available and in easy reach.
- Remove any items not required from the work area.
- Cover any work surfaces or items with disposable coverings or clean linen.
- Store multi-use tools in a clean, covered container when not in use.

Infection and Prevention Control Requirements:

- Hands must be washed for at least 15 seconds with soap and warm running water:
 - before and after each client/treatment,
 - before and after wearing gloves, and
 - in between breaks in service.
- Alcohol based hand sanitizers may be used if hands are not visibly soiled.
- Wear single use gloves for each client.
- Use single-use, disposable, sterile needles and discard immediately after use in sharps container.
- Open sterile, packaged equipment only when ready to begin procedure.
- Use alcohol free mouth rinse for mouth piercing.
- Only sterile jewellery is to be used for piercing.
- Use a no-touch technique to avoid direct contact with the piercing site or sterile piercing equipment.
- Re-useable equipment is manually cleaned or cleaned in an ultrasonic cleaner, then disinfected and sterilized as required.
- If a piercing site is to be marked it must be:
 - first, cleaned with a approved skin antiseptic,
 - then marked with a iodine felt tip/marking pen,
 - wait one minute until the pen mark is dried,
 - then clean the site again with a approved antiseptic,
 - and then pierce the skin.
- Provide client with verbal and written after-care instructions.
- Keep client records and accidental blood and body fluid exposure records on site for one year.
- You do not have to see blood/body fluid on instruments or surfaces for an infection to occur.
- Hepatitis B vaccination is strongly recommended.

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