



TATTOOING and MICROPIGMENTATION

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.
- Work contact surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected with a low level disinfectant after each client.
- Used needles/sharps must be placed in an approved sharps container.
- Cover items that may be handled during the procedure with single use plastic bags or cling film if they cannot be easily cleaned or disinfected.
- Water used for rinsing between colors must be placed in disposable cups and discarded after each client.
- 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.
- Have all required supplies for service available and in easy reach.
- Cover any work surfaces or items that with disposable coverings or clean linen.
- Store multi-use tools in a clean, covered container when not in use.
- Discard all leftover products (ink, tissue, water etc.) after each client.

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 disposable razors for shaving tattoo area and then discard.
- Skin is cleansed with a skin antiseptic.
- Dispense creams, lotions and ointments with single-use applicators. Discard after use.
- Do not tattoo within 6 inches of inflamed or infected skin.
- Re-useable equipment is manually cleaned or cleaned in a ultrasonic cleaner, then disinfected and sterilized as required
- Tattoo area must be covered with a clean dressing or bandage.
- 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 the instruments or surfaces for an infection to occur.
- Hepatitis B vaccination is strongly recommended.

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