

Health and Safety Requirements

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WHAT IS SKIN PENETRATION?

Any procedure that involves the piercing, cutting, puncturing, scraping or tearing of the skin whether dead or alive such as:

- ✓ Cuticle Cutting
- ✓ Hair Removal (waxing)
- ✓ Tattooing
- ✓ Colonic Lavage
- ✓ Acupuncture
- ✓ Microdermabrasion
- ✓ Skin Needling
- ✓ Ear / Body Piercing



Skin Penetration: Cuticle Cutting

Skin Penetration procedures carry the risk of transmitting infections such as:

- Herpes
- Warts
- Hepatitis B
- Ringworm
- Hepatitis C
- Impetigo (School Sores)
- HIV
- Tinea or other fungal infections*¹

HAND WASHING – REQUIREMENTS

You will need:

1. At least one designated basin for hand washing only
2. Warm running water through a single spout
3. Liquid soap and disposable paper towels



Suitable Hand Wash Basin Set Up

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Cleaning

Cleaning does not remove bacteria

You will need:

1. At least one dedicated cleaning sink
2. Scrub equipment clean with warm soapy water and rinse (*to remove dirt and skin*)

Disinfecting:

Disinfecting removes some bacteria

(Follow instructions on required contact time and dilution)

1. Immerse equipment in hospital grade disinfectant

STERILISATION

All equipment used to penetrate the skin must be sterilised using an autoclave so that all bacteria is destroyed.

Equipment requiring sterilization includes:

1. Cuticle Cutters
2. Tattoo and body piercing needles and associated equipment
3. Metal nail files (often cause skin abrasions)
4. Reusable Microdermabrasion heads (eg. Diamond Head)
5. Skin Needling Equipment (Derma Rollers)

CUTICLE CUTTERS:

- Clients cannot bring their own
- Remove them from the premises if there is no autoclave



An Autoclave approved by
Therapeutic Goods Administration
(TGA)



UV Cabinet is not an Autoclave –
Does not sterilise skin penetration
equipment



Unsterilised cuticle cutters
cannot be stored for each client

WAXING REQUIREMENTS



1. Clean skin with a suitable antiseptic
2. Do not double dip wooden or metal spatulas
3. Roll on wax canisters are to be used for one client only, remaining wax and the disposable canister is to be discarded immediately after use
4. Wax and wax strips must not be reused.

FOOT SPAS

Foot spas need to be cleaned thoroughly to prevent the growth and spread of disease causing micro-organisms. Micro-organisms 'germs' grow on moist unclean surfaces. *2

After each client:

1. Drain water from foot spa
2. Clean the foot spa. Scrub surfaces with warm soapy water then rinse
3. Disinfect spa and jets. Circulate the hospital grade disinfectant through the 'air-jet' spas
4. Wipe dry with a clean towel once disinfection has finished.*2



For further information including end of day procedures see health topics at www.health.nsw.gov.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information provided above does not cover all aspects of skin penetration.

Further information should be sourced from the NSW Health website or Council's Environmental Health Department on 9843 0555.

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REFERENCES

- *1 NSW Health Skin Penetration Code of Best Practice – March 2001
- *2 NSW Health: Health Topics Factsheets www.health.nsw.gov.au