



Micropigmentation– Infection Prevention and Control Practices

Before Starting Micropigmentation

- Cover all light fixtures, spray bottles and parts of the micropigmentation pen/machine that cannot be cleaned and disinfected (e.g. the cord) using a single-use plastic wrap. A new plastic wrap must be used for each client.
- The parts of the micropigmentation pen that can be reused must first be cleaned with soap and water, dried, and then disinfected between clients using a high-level disinfectant. Toronto Public Health highly recommends that you use pens or machines that use pre-packaged, sterile, single-use parts.
- The part of the pen that holds the needle must be sterile. These “needle holders or tips” should be purchased pre-packaged, sterile and single use.
- Clean and disinfect headrests, worktables, and chairs between clients. Use a low-level disinfectant.
- Provide the client with information about the procedure and any associated risks.
- Inspect the area of the skin that will be treated for inflammation or a rash. Avoid permanent makeup treatment within six inches of skin that is inflamed, infected or with a rash.
- Clean your hands before putting on single-use disposable gloves and after removing gloves.
- Use a new pair of single-use disposable gloves for each client.
- Clean the area of the skin with an approved antiseptic such as 70% isopropyl alcohol. Use a disposable swab.
- Dispense creams, lotions, ointments, and ink in a manner that prevents contamination.
- If a razor is required to shave the area, it must be sterile and discarded immediately after use into an approved sharps container. Sharps containers cannot be discarded with municipal garbage.

Record Keeping

- Record the client's name, address, telephone number, date and type of procedure, and record the name of the person who will provide the service.
- Keep records for instruments or needles purchased as pre-packaged and sterile for tracking purposes.
- Keep client records and accidental exposures on-site for three years with a minimum of one year (365 days) on site.

Ink Caps and Ink

- Clean and disinfect disposable ink caps before using with an intermediate-level disinfectant such as 70% isopropyl alcohol.
- Discard disposable ink caps after each client. Discard any leftover ink. Use a new disposable ink cap if additional ink is required during the procedure.
- Foam inserts are not allowed to be used.
- Ring ink caps are not recommended due to the occupational risk.
- All reusable ink caps must be sterilized between clients.
- If an ink cap holder is used, it must be cleaned and disinfected between clients. Use a high-level disinfectant.
- Sterile water should be used if diluting ink. Do not use tap water to dilute ink.

Aftercare Instructions

- Every client should be told and receive written information on how to care for their permanent makeup and what they should do if it becomes red, swollen or uncomfortable.

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