

Additional Guidelines for Electrolysis and Laser Hair Removal

Electrolysis and Laser Hair Removal:

- All facilities are to follow “**General Guidelines**” fact sheets.

Additional requirements:

- Heat produced by the current passing through an electrolysis needle is not sufficient to sterilize it.
- Needles used for electrolysis must be single-use disposable, pre-packaged and sterile and disposed of in an approved sharps container immediately after use.
- The removable tip/cap of the epilator needle/probe holder must be cleaned and, at a minimum, high-level disinfected after each client.
- The epilator cord must be protected with a non-absorbent single-use disposable cover. The cover must be changed between each client or the cord must be cleaned then disinfected with an intermediate level disinfectant at a minimum, between clients.
- Equipment/instruments used in laser hair removal must be cleaned and then either disinfected or sterilized or disposed as appropriate after each client.
- Reusable equipment/instruments used to remove ingrown hairs must be cleaned and then sterilized after each use. Equipment/instruments used to hold sterile items (e.g. tweezers) must be high-level disinfected at a minimum. Single-use sterile needles must be used to expose the ingrown hairs.
- Razors must be discarded in an approved sharps container immediately after use.

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