

Additional Guidelines for Tattooing and Micropigmentation

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

Additional Requirements

- Single-use, disposable sterile needles must be used.
- All supplies and equipment needed for tattooing or micropigmentation are to be assembled and set up just before to starting the procedure.
- Prior to using disposable ink caps that are supplied in bulk quantities, individual ink caps must be cleaned and then disinfected with an intermediate level disinfectant (e.g. 70-90% isopropyl alcohol).
- After needles are attached to the needle bar, they must be cleaned using an ultrasonic cleaner before sterilization. Used needles and needle bars must not be touched before being thrown out.
- The entire needle bar assembly (needle bar with attached needles) must be discarded into an approved sharps container immediately after each tattoo or micropigmentation procedure.
- If a tattoo machine is not used for micropigmentation, the needle holder device on the pen/instrument must be single-use disposable or cleaned and then sterilized before it can be used again.
- Disposable ink caps must be discarded immediately after each client. Single-use disposable ink caps are preferred. Reusable ink cap holders are to be high-level disinfected.
- Liquid used for rinsing between colours must be placed in disposable cups. The liquid and cups must be discarded after each client.
- Do not tattoo or micropigment within six inches of inflamed or infected skin or skin with a rash.
- Any leftover products must be discarded and cannot be returned to their original containers.
- If stencils are used, they must be single-use and discarded at the end of the procedure.
- The tattoo must be covered with an individually packaged dressing or bandage intended for covering wounds.
- Clients must be given verbal and written information regarding tattooing aftercare such as:
 - Appropriate aftercare for tattooing and micro-pigmentation.
 - Clean hands immediately before touching tattooed area.
 - Discuss the expected healing time of the site with the client.
 - Describe possible complications and their signs and symptoms.
 - Advice on how to deal with slight redness, pain or swelling.
 - Recommend consultation with a family physician if the problem does not improve within 24 hours.

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