

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR ELECTROLYSIS.

PREMISES: These should be generally clean. A clean table surface covered with a plastic laminate or other impervious surface should be available. The operator should have easy access to hot and cold running water, soap and paper towels, and should wash their hands before and after each session.

RECORDS: It is advisable to keep records of the name and address of every patient, and the date of the ear piercing. It is important for professional practitioners to keep records of their patients and customers. Scrupulous records prove valuable if there is any question of an infection problem later. Records should be kept for a minimum of one year. A daybook or diary is adequate. A card index may be an additional help.

PROCEDURE:

1. Wash and dry hands prior to carrying out electrolysis.
2. Seat customer.
3. Place clean paper tissue or towel on tabletop.
4. Clean area to be epilated with spirit swab (e.g. medi-swab).
5. Clean operator's hands with fresh spirit swab.
6. Clean forceps with fresh spirit swab.
7. Open pre-sterilised needle packet carefully, as instructed. DO NOT touch the sharp end of the shaft.
8. Insert into electrolysis machine and begin epilation procedure.
9. At end of procedure dispose of needles into sharps box - again do **not touch sharp** end or shaft of needle. Tissues and swabs should be discarded in plastic lined bin.
10. Clean epilated skin with fresh spirit swab.
11. Explain after-care to customer.

AFTER-CARE:

There is a small risk of bacterial infection after electrolysis. The epilated area should be kept dry. A doctor should treat infection - antibiotic lotions, creams or ointments should not be used except when prescribed by a doctor. Apart from surgical spirit, disinfectants should not be used, as they may cause an allergy.