

PENRITH

SKIN PENETRATION NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome to our third edition of Skin Penetration News, an annual newsletter for local skin penetration operators. This is one way we can help keep you up to date with your responsibilities under the Public Health Act 2010 and Public Health Regulation 2012. Check out the skin penetration tips to help you maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene.

“ROLL ON WAX” - NEW CLIENT, NEW CARTRIDGE

It has been observed during recent inspections that many operators are using roll on wax cartridges to apply wax to larger areas such as legs or a back. It is important to note that these cartridges are designed for use on one client only, not multiple clients.

When the roller head is applied to the skin and then rolls back through the wax, bacteria, skin and possibly blood particles are being rolled back into the wax cartridge. If the same cartridge is then used to apply wax to another client, this practice could cause contamination of the wax and could potentially result in the transmission of disease.

If Authorised Officers see half used roll on wax cartridges in your salon, they will assume that they are being used on multiple clients and request that they are disposed of and this practice cease.

It is not worth the risk, new client, new cartridge.



VIETNAMESE SKIN PENETRATION TRAINING SEMINAR (NAIL INDUSTRY)



Council will be holding another skin penetration training seminar in the near future. This year the seminar will specifically focus on the nail industry and will be translated and presented in Vietnamese. The seminar will cover infection control, best practice methods and Council's role and responsibilities as well as relevant legislative requirements.

If you or your staff are interested in attending, please contact the Environmental Health Team on 02 4732 8055 to express your interest.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE HAIRDRESSING AND BARBER INDUSTRY



Council has recently been working with TAFE NSW to develop some Hairdressing Guidelines. Even though hairdressing activities are not considered a skin penetration procedure, it was identified by Council and TAFE NSW that there was a need for guidelines to be developed outlining what is considered best practice in the industry.

These guidelines would include information on hygiene standards, cleaning and disinfecting, public health risks, waste management, design and construction of premises and mobile businesses. A copy of the guidelines can be found on Council's website, www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au under the services tab, other health, skin penetration.

For further information on Skin Penetration go to the NSW Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au or contact Council on 4732 8055.

AUTOCLAVES (WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!!!)

All reusable equipment used to penetrate the skin must be sterilised. Sterilisation must be carried out in accordance with AS/NZS 4815:2006 titles "Office-based health care facilities – Reprocessing of reusable medical and surgical instruments and equipment and maintenance of the associated environment", which recommends that a Class S (minimum) bench-top steriliser should be used.

The Operator/Manager should do the following:

- Train and instruct all people responsible for operating the steriliser in its correct use. *(The Public Health Regulation 2012 requires that at least one person must be present at the time the bench top steriliser is used who is adequately trained in the use of the bench top steriliser).*
- Display instructions on how to clean, package and sterilise equipment.

- Display operating instructions for the bench-top steriliser next to the machine.
- Ensure the bench top steriliser is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The bench top sterilisers/autoclaves used should be approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Contact the TGA prior to purchasing a steriliser to ensure that it is approved for use in Australia on 1800 020 653.
- Keep any records or print outs taken from the bench top steriliser. Records are to be kept for a minimum of one year.
- Ensure that the bench-top steriliser is tested, serviced regularly and calibrated at least once a year by a qualified service technician. The validation program is performed to evaluate the reliability of a sterilisation process. Records/results from this process should be kept on-site to show the Authorised Officer during an inspection.

**THE FOLLOWING METHODS DO NOT STERILISE EQUIPMENT AND MUST NOT BE USED:
boiling, pasteurisation, soaking in disinfectant, exposure to ultra violet (UV) cabinets.**

For more information go to penrithcity.nsw.gov.au or phone 4732 8055