

Skin Needling Cleaning Protocol - Salon-Based Business

Purpose

To maintain a sterile and hygienic environment for performing skin needling treatments in a salon setting, ensuring client safety and preventing cross-contamination while upholding professional salon standards.

Scope

This protocol applies to all salon-based practitioners offering skin needling treatments. It includes preparation, sanitation during treatment, post-treatment cleanup, and waste management, with a focus on maintaining an organised and hygienic salon environment.

1. Preparation and Setup

1.1 Equipment and Supplies

- Ensure all tools and equipment are thoroughly disinfected and stored in designated sterilisation areas.
- Use only sterile, single-use microneedling cartridges and needles.
- Stock disposable gloves, gauze, fibrella, cotton pads, and protective coverings at each workstation.
- Maintain a consistent supply of hospital-grade disinfectant and sanitising wipes.
- Ensure proper waste disposal containers, including biohazard bins for sharps and contaminated materials, are in designated areas.
- Wear clean, professional salon uniforms, ensuring they are regularly laundered.

1.2 Setting Up the Treatment Area

- Disinfect the treatment bed, trolley, and all surrounding surfaces using a hospital-grade disinfectant at the start of each day and between clients.
- Cover treatment beds with fresh disposable barriers or sanitised linens for each client.
- Keep all necessary tools and products neatly arranged on a sanitised workstation.
- Ensure all single-use items remain sealed until use.
- Maintain a clean and clutter-free workspace for ease of movement and efficiency.
- Ensure the salon ventilation system is functioning properly to maintain air quality.

2. Sanitation During Treatment

- Use a new pair of disposable gloves for each client and change them if contaminated.
- Dispose of used gauze, cotton pads, and gloves in designated waste bins immediately.
- Wipe down any touched surfaces (e.g., product bottles, trolley handles) with disinfectant wipes.
- Use salon-designated disinfectant procedures for any non-disposable tools.

3. Post-Treatment Cleanup

- Dispose of all single-use items in salon-approved waste disposal bins.
- Place sharps (microneedling cartridges) into a designated sharps container.
- Clean and disinfect reusable tools (e.g., DermaPen) using alcohol wipes.

- Wipe down all surfaces, including treatment beds, trolleys, and workstations, with a hospital-grade disinfectant.
- Restock supplies and ensure workstations are clean and ready for the next client.
- Ensure any reusable linens or towels are placed in a designated laundry bin for washing.
- Wash hands thoroughly and apply hand sanitiser.

4. Waste Management

- **Sharps Disposal:** Place all used microneedling cartridges into a puncture-proof sharps container.
- **General Waste:** Dispose of gloves, gauze, fibrella, cotton pads, and other non-contaminated disposables in designated salon waste bins.
- **Biohazard Waste:** Use a biohazard-labeled container for any blood-contaminated waste, ensuring proper disposal according to salon hygiene regulations.
- **Laundry Handling:** Ensure all used linens and towels are laundered at high temperatures to maintain hygiene standards.

Checklist for Salon-Based Skin Needling Treatments

Before Client Arrival:

- ✓ Ensure all tools and equipment are sterilised and properly stored
- ✓ Stock adequate supply of disposable items (needles, gloves, gauze, etc.)
- ✓ Disinfect treatment bed, trolley, and surrounding surfaces
- ✓ Set up disposable barriers or fresh sanitised linens on treatment surfaces
- ✓ Arrange tools and products on a sanitised workstation
- ✓ Ensure single-use items remain sealed until use
- ✓ Wear clean salon uniform and wash hands before setup

Before Treatment:

- ✓ Confirm all equipment is ready and properly sanitised
- ✓ Prepare client by cleansing the treatment area with an antiseptic solution
- ✓ Sanitise hands again before beginning treatment

During Treatment:

- ✓ Use a clean, disposable applicator for all serums
- ✓ Avoid double-dipping into products
- ✓ Dispose of used materials immediately in the designated waste bin
- ✓ Change gloves if they become contaminated
- ✓ Sanitise any touched surfaces throughout the procedure

After Treatment:

- ✓ Properly dispose of all single-use items
- ✓ Place sharps into a puncture-proof sharps container
- ✓ Clean and disinfect reusable tools using an autoclave or hospital-grade disinfectant
- ✓ Wipe down all surfaces with hospital-grade disinfectant
- ✓ Securely store cleaned tools separate from used ones
- ✓ Ensure fresh linens or disposable barriers are ready for the next client
- ✓ Wash hands thoroughly and apply hand sanitiser