

Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Halo Head Spas

Halo head spas

The use of halo head spas is advertised as a treatment for scalp dryness, oiliness, dandruff, and for promoting relaxation, stress reduction and overall well-being. Typical designs include a water delivery tube with multiple holes along its length allowing cascading streams of water or an elongated spout forming a waterfall sheet of water. Designs may include a water holding tank and/or feature water recirculation from the basin or the holding tank and may also include the use of a heater.



Potential risks of use

Designs where the water empties into a basin that drains into a non-plumbed re-circulating reservoir or recirculates from the basin itself may create conditions in which *Legionella* and other pathogens proliferate. Clients and staff exposed to a flow or droplets of contaminated water near the mucous membranes of the face and respiratory tract may be at risk of illness.



Key recommendations

Based on available information, halo head spas are:

- To be plumbed and directly connected to a potable water source (e.g., municipal water supply).
- Not to incorporate water recirculation holding tanks.
- Not to incorporate water recirculation from the hair wash basin, even for the same client.
- To have manufacturers' instructions for use (MIFU).
 - MIFUs are to indicate how to clean, disinfect and maintain the equipment.
 - MIFUs are to be followed.

Resources

Public Health Ontario:

- [Guide to Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Service Settings](#)
- [Legionella: Questions and Answers](#)
- [Personal Service Settings](#) and [Legionellosis](#)

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