

AT A GLANCE

Examples of Reusable Equipment and Instruments

This document is an excerpt from the [Guide to Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Service Settings](#). It outlines equipment/instruments commonly found in personal service settings and classifies them based on the intended and actual use of the equipment/instruments. For more information, please consult the full Guide, visit the [IPAC in Personal Service Settings webpage](#) or email ipac@oahpp.ca.

Personal Service	Critical	Semi-critical	Non-critical, Intermediate-Level Disinfection	Non-critical, Low-Level Disinfection
Body modification and suspension (e.g., scarification, branding, ear shaping, implants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermal anchor tools • Dermal drivers/anchors • Forceps • Retractors • Reusable clamps • Reusable scalpel handles • Skin elevators • Strike branding metal strips • Suspension hooks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any equipment, instrument or item used to hold a sterile strike branding metal strip or electrocautery/cautery tip • Suspension rig 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds • Rigid containers used to hold dirty equipment until reprocessing (at end of day) • Service trays^f

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Body piercing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All forceps and clamps • All jewellery used for initial piercing and jewellery purchased in bulk • All tapers • Open-ended receiving tubes • Ring-opening and ring-closing pliers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needle pushers • Scissors used to cut cannulas (insertion tubes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All calipers • Jewellery (when replacing piercing jewellery on completely healed piercings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds • Rigid containers used to hold dirty equipment until reprocessing (at end of day) • Service trays[†]
Earlobe piercing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery for initial piercings 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical earlobe-piercing device that holds a single-use, disposable sterile cartridge (systems that use stud adaptor and clasp retainer are not recommended but if used, stud holder and clasp retainer are to be sterile, single-use, disposable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds • Rigid containers used to hold dirty equipment until reprocessing (at end of day) • Service trays[†]

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Electrolysis and hair removal (waxing and laser)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any equipment, instrument or item used to hold, manipulate or contact a sterile needle • Needle/probe holder or permanent attached pin device • Removable tip/cap (single-use or high-level disinfection after each use) • Tweezers used to expose ingrown hairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laser heads, tips and wands • Scissors used to cut hair^{FF} • Tweezers used to remove hair from the hair follicle • UV eye goggles for multiple-client use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds • Containers used to hold sterile packaged tweezers or other sterile equipment or instruments • Electrolysis electrodes and sponge covers (if used) • Epilator foot-operating switches and cords • Epilator cord and control panel that comes in contact with client's skin or is handled by worker^F • Laser exterior power switches/touch screen/cables^F • Magnifying glass and arm/reusable magnifying goggles handled by worker • Rigid containers used to hold dirty equipment until reprocessing (at end of day) • Scissors used to cut hair • Scissors used to cut single-use wax strips • Service trays^F

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Hairdressing and barbering			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crochet hooks used for cap highlights^{FF} • Hair clipper blades^{FF} • Hair scissors^{FF} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds • Colour mixing bowls (if reusable) • Combs, brushes • Crochet hooks used for cap highlights • Disinfectant containers holding instruments • Hair clipper blades • Hair clipper guards and shaver guards • Hair rollers, clips and caps • Hair scissors • Handles for hairstyling razors • Handles and cradles for shaving razor used on skin

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Manicure, pedicure and nail treatments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grater-style foot files 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acrylic tip cutter Cuticle scissors, nippers, pushers, scrapers and cutters Diamond drill bit for acrylic nails Foot files with removable adhesive/abrasive stickers or metal foot files Metal, diamond or glass nail files Nail-cleaner scoops Nail clippers Recirculating foot tub or footbath Reusable metal dremel bit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds Callus blade (credo blade) holders Dremel handle Flip flops or slippers for multiple-client use (may be laundered if applicable: i.e., cloth slippers, not foam slippers) Manicure bowls and trays Nail-drying stations, tables Tweezers for applying nail art UV and LED curing light

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Tattooing and micropigmentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable ink caps (e.g., metal ink caps) • Tattoo grips, tubes and tips 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds • Clip cord[‡] • Contact screws[‡] • Rigid containers used to hold dirty equipment until reprocessing (at end of day) • Scissors used to cut bandages • Service trays[‡] • Spray bottles[‡] • Tattoo machine and controls[‡] • Tube clamp[‡]
Other personal services (e.g., makeup, facials, tinting, eyelash extensions, colonics, floatation)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment used for facials that contacts non-intact skin (e.g., acne treatments, microdermabrasion) • Microblade handles • Microneedle roller handles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment used for facials that contacts intact skin • Tweezers to apply fake lashes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See chapter 3, Managing the Environment, for tables, chairs, beds • Facial steamer machine and reservoir

[‡] If covered with a sheath/cover during use; if not, reprocess as a Non-critical, Intermediate-Level Disinfection item as long as it can be easily or adequately cleaned and disinfected between each use.

^{‡‡} This increased level of disinfection is required if instruments nick the skin

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