

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas State Board of Cosmetology

Article 15.—Tattooing, Body Piercing, and Permanent Cosmetics

69-15-20. Approved sterilization modes.

(a) Instruments used in the practice of permanent color, tattoo artist services, or body piercing shall be sterilized, using one of the following methods:

(1) In a steam or chemical autoclave sterilizer, registered and listed with the federal food and drug administration, and used, cleaned, and maintained according to manufacturer's directions; or

(2) with single-use, prepackaged, sterilized equipment obtained from reputable suppliers or manufacturers.

(b) Practitioners shall sterilize all piercing instruments that have or may come in direct contact with a client's skin or be exposed to blood or body fluids. Piercing needles shall not be reused. All piercing needles shall be single use.

(c) All sterilizing devices shall be tested on a regular basis for functionality and thorough sterilization by use of the following means:

(1) Chemical indicators that change color, to assure sufficient temperature and proper functioning of equipment during the sterilization cycle; and

(2) a biological monitoring system using commercially prepared spores, to assure that all microorganisms have been destroyed and sterilization has been achieved. This testing shall be performed every three months for tattoo and body piercing facilities.

(d) Chemical and biological indicator test results shall be made available at the facility at all times for inspection by the board compliance officers.

(e) Practicing permanent color, tattoo, and body piercing facilities shall submit to an inspection at least once every year, in order to determine compliance with requirements of the statute and with sanitation and sterilization practices.

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