

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 24.—Sanitary Regulations for the Practice of Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Electrology, or Esthetics

28-24-12. Electrolysis instruments, equipment, and practices.

Each practitioner shall use only single-use electrolysis instruments or sterilized electrolysis equipment on a consumer.

(a) Each practitioner shall immerse non-single-use electrolysis instruments in an ultrasonic unit that is operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and that contains potable water and an enzyme detergent after each use and before sterilization.

(b) Each practitioner shall ensure that all electrolysis instruments and equipment are sterilized as follows:

(1) By placing electrolysis instruments in glass test tubes or sterilization bags with color strip indicators and then placing the test tubes or bags in a steam autoclave sterilizer or a dry-heat sterilizer that is approved and listed by the FDA and that is used, cleaned, and maintained according to the manufacturer's directions; or

(2) by using single-use, prepackaged, sterilized instruments or equipment obtained from suppliers or manufacturers.

(c) Each steam autoclave sterilizer and each dry-heat sterilizer shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be approved by the FDA;

(2) contain visible physical indicators, including a thermometer and a timer, necessary to ensure that the steam autoclave sterilizer is functioning properly during sterilization cycles;

(3) be used with chemical indicators that change color after exposure to the sterilization process, to ensure that all sterilization requirements are met; and

(4) be cleaned, used, and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions.

(d) Each cleaned electrolysis instrument or piece of equipment shall be sterilized in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for each specific sterilizer and by utilizing one of the following:

(1) Steam autoclave sterilizer. If a steam autoclave sterilizer is used, the instruments or equipment shall be sterilized for 15 to 20 minutes at 250 degrees Fahrenheit, and the pressure shall consist of 15 to 20 pounds per square inch (psi).

(2) Dry-heat sterilizer. If a dry-heat sterilizer is used, the instruments and equipment shall be sterilized for either 60 minutes at 340 degrees Fahrenheit or 120 minutes at 320 degrees Fahrenheit.

(e) The owner of each establishment shall use a sterilization-monitoring service or laboratory using commercially prepared spores at least monthly to ensure that all microorganisms have been destroyed and sterilization has been achieved.

(1) The owner of each establishment shall maintain a log at the establishment with the date and results of each monthly test for at least three years and shall make the records available for review at any time by the board or the board's designee.

(2) A copy of the manufacturer's procedural manual for operation of the steam autoclave sterilizer or dry-heat sterilizer shall be available for inspection by the board or the board's designee.

(f) Each practitioner shall place only the single-use instrument or sterilized equipment to be used for each consumer on a clean nonporous surface and shall replace the clean surface with a new clean surface after each service.

(g) Each practitioner shall dispose of all needles and any other sharp items in a sharps container following the service.

(h) The surface of each counter, each treatment table, and each piece of equipment in each area where a consumer is served shall be made of smooth, nonporous materials. Each practitioner shall disinfect all nonporous surfaces, including counters, treatment tables, and pieces of equipment, after each service by using either a disinfectant according to the manufacturer's instructions or a bleach solution.

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