



Piercing

PIERCING CARE

Healing

Give your Piercing the best possible chance to heal.

If these procedures are not followed, we cannot and will not take responsibility for damages.

Care Routine

Prior to the Piercing - Make sure you are healthy prior to the procedure. Get plenty of sleep and eat healthily.

Stay away from swimming pools and spas because, even though pools are chlorinated, they still harbor a lot of bacteria

Keep other people's hands and bodily fluids away from the piercing until it is healed

Abstain from smoking, taking illicit drugs and drinking alcohol, as they can delay healing because it slows cell growth

Don't twist or play with the piercing whilst the piercing is healing. Harm can be caused to the new skin cells by removing and re-inserting a different piece of jewellery. Twisting also breaks the scab that is a seal against bacteria.



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How Often Should You Cleanse

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Cleansing Guide

The following is a guide that will help you cleanse without destroying new cell growth

Anti-bacterial Soap or Solution

Available in bars or liquid form. Liquid is a better option. After washing your hands, wet and lather the area with anti-bacterial soap. The crusty discharge will soften and easily come off. Make sure the crust is totally removed before attempting to rotate the jewellery piece. Rinse and apply more soapy water to the area and proceed to gently rotate the jewellery piece through the piercing. Rinse and dry with a clean towel, cloth or gauze. Be careful that the toweling material doesn't hook on to your piercing jewellery and rip it out.

Newer Solutions on the Market

There is now a range of new solutions that have been developed in recent years specifically for piercings and tattoos. They have good healing properties.

Warm Sea Salt Water (Non-iodized)

Sea salt is different from your everyday table salt. Sea salt is available at supermarkets and health food shops. Water salt water soaks can be done in addition to or in conjunction with your usual cleansings. Put up to 1 tsp (5g) in 500mls of boiled and cooled water and let it dissolve. If possible, submerge the piercing in the solution. If not, use a solution-soaked cotton ball. For general healing, use salt water a few times a week. For infections, use a few times a day.

Oral Piercings

Tongue and other oral piercings need to be rinsed with anti-bacterial alcohol free mouthwash, or sea salt solution after food is eaten. Be careful to read the ingredients in mouthwashes. Many contain alcohol that will destroy new cell growth. This will be 5-6 times a day so you need to carry your mouthwash with you. Don't over clean as you may irritate the area. Alcohol slows and can stop new cell growth and must be avoided for the first week of healing.

Products to Avoid

Some products can irritate and actually prevent healing. Listed below are some common products that may interfere with the healing process:-

- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Alcohol
- Betadide or Hibiclens
- Topical Antibiotics
- Cortisone Cream
- Antiseptic Creams

