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PIERCING AFTERCARE

This advice sheet is given as your written reminder of the advised aftercare for your new piercing. The piercing procedure is breaking the skin's surface so there is always a potential risk for infection to occur afterwards.

Your piercing should be treated as a wound initially and it is important that this advice is followed to minimise the risk of infection. If you have any problems at all with your piercing or if you would like assistance with a jewellery change then please call back and see us. Don't be afraid to come back, we want you to be 100% happy with your piercing.

MINIMISING INFECTION RISK.

Avoid touching the new piercing unnecessarily so that exposure to germs is reduced.

Always thoroughly wash and dry your hands before touching your new piercing, or wear latex/nitrile gloves when cleaning it.

If a dressing has been applied to your new piercing, leave it on for about one hour after the piercing was received and then you can remove the dressing and care for your piercing as advised below. Clean your piercing as advised by your piercer. For cleaning your piercing, you should use a saline solution. This can either be a shop-bought solution or a home-made solution of a quarter teaspoon of table salt in a glass of warm water or Dettol foaming hand wash.

Stay clear of and do NOT use surgical spirit, alcohol, or creams

For cleaning oral piercings you should use a mild alcohol-free mouthwash and saline twice a day.

Polyps can appear on new piercings; this is due to accidentally knocking the piercing site or pressure on the site. To avoid this happening please keep your piercing clear of any obstacles. If a polyp occurs, they can be reduced by making a paste out of aspirin (mix a crushed aspirin with a drop of water) and apply the paste to the affected area for an hour a day. This should reduce the size of the polyp within 2-3 weeks.

Avoid drinking any alcohol for the first 4-5 days after receiving your piercing, as it can promote bleeding and increase swelling. The use of any recreational drugs should also be avoided as it may slow the healing process.

For oral piercings smoking may delay the healing process. If possible, you should stop smoking until your piercing is fully healed.

Please take care when looking after your piercing by avoiding touching it unnecessarily, tanning, fake tanning, body lotions, make up and anything else instructed by the piercer. It's always a good idea to regularly check the balls with clean hands or gloves

For effective cleaning of the piercing use either:

¼ teaspoon salt in a glass of warm water

Dettol foaming hand wash

Sterile Saline such as Crystawash, (ingredients must only be 0.9% sodium chloride and purified water) which is easy to buy online.