



1 UNDERSTANDING THE ANATOMY AND SOCIOLOGY OF THE SKIN AND HAIR

Wax technicians need to have proper understanding of the hair structure and its growth cycle in order to perform their task well. By considering the above details before going into the actual waxing, technicians can thus prevent instances of hair breakages or inflammation of the hair follicles.



2 RECOGNIZING THE COMMON DISEASES AND DISORDERS OF THE SKIN

By being able to spot common skin ailments early, wax technicians can apply evasive maneuvers, thus avoiding catastrophic results. Technicians have to understand the complexity in the simplicity of their jobs and that the skin is actually a extremely sensitive part of the body. Two very skin disorders are tiny boils around the genitals and folliculitis, a condition which causes inflammation or pain due to infection of hair follicles.

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HOW HORMONES AFFECT HAIR GROWTH

Knowledge of the entire body system is quintessential as hormones play a strong role in affecting hair growth. Clients spot different hair quality at different ages, of which proper identification by wax technicians will equate to accurate treatments.



TOP 9 THINGS A WAX TECHNICIAN SHOULD KNOW

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In the perilous line of a waxing, fame and condemnation is simply a thin line apart. While training on the job can polish one's skills, lack of technical comprehension often lead to moment of follies that can result in permanent denouncement. It is paramount that wax technicians be equipped with the right set of knowledge to truly uphold their title. Hazel Menon presents the first of a six part special that aims to illuminate the path for aspiring wax technicians in a mission to raise industrial standards.



4 ADVISING CLIENTS ON THEIR NEXT TREATMENT

With proper evaluation on the condition of clients, wax technicians can give sound advices to clients on when they should have their next wax done, thus preventing any harm from befalling them.



PRACTICAL WAXING TECHNIQUES

It is important to comprehend the difference between warm wax and hard wax, learning the individual skill techniques for each form of waxing while deciding whether strips should be used or otherwise.



LEARNING IN SEQUENCE

Before you run you have to learn how to walk. Similarly, you have to start waxing from the limbs before slowly moving your way up the body. Brazilian waxing will come last on the list, as it is the most intimate and integrate form of waxing. Involving the clients' private parts, technicians have to take extreme caution because skin is extremely thin around those spots. With vaginal infection acquiring top spot among women, technicians must always be on the lookout for the unpleasant scent that comes with the infection.



LEARNING THE BASICS

Just like how hairdressers learn the ropes from simple washing of hair, waxing technicians too must learn from the basics. The art of holding the spatula plays an important role in the training of these technicians. It is unprofessional to have wax dripping onto the floor during a treatment; it also shows how unskilled one is.



CRISIS MANAGEMENT

What do you do when clients start crying halfway during a treatment? Crisis management is important to wax technicians as their art involves pain and discomfort in which there are many clients with low tolerance. In times when clients throw a tantrum, a wax technician must know what to do. At the same time, mistakes such as waxing in wrong direction can result in skin tearing, of which technicians must know how and what to do to ease the discomfort.

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CLEANLINESS OF THE WORKSTATION

The workstation has to be clean and equipped with all the sufficient equipments like pre-waxing products, post-waxing products and of course a first aid kit. While many belittle the first aid kits, an experienced technician will definitely have one in their workstation in preparation for the worst.



AND SO YOU HAVE IT, A CHECKLIST THAT EVERY WAX TECHNICIAN SHOULD PUT A TICK TO. YOU MAY HAVE WAXED YOUR ENTIRE LIFE AND IT IS PERFECTLY FINE IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF THESE POINTERS. BUT LIKE A DRIVING A CAR WITHOUT KNOWING THE HIGHWAY CODE, YOU WILL BE SAFE ONLY IF YOU DO NOT MEET ANY ACCIDENTS. THEN AGAIN, HOW LONG CAN ONE STAY SO LUCKY?