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Board of Cosmetology

Position Statement: Roll-On Waxing

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Reusable Roll-on Waxing Systems Prohibited for Use from Client to Client to Prevent Cross-Contamination

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) and Board of Cosmetology prohibit practitioners certified in esthetics from using roll-on waxing systems that provide a potential route for cross contamination through reuse of the roller head or wax cartridge.

This prohibition applies *only* to the reuse of such systems from client to client. Practitioners may allow clients to take the system with them for reuse upon their next visit to the salon.

The practice of allowing clients to take instruments home with them to be reused at a later date has already been in place for nail files that can be reused but not disinfected under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 817-010-0065(7).

The waxing system **MUST** meet the requirement of **OAR 817-010-0055, Materials in Contact with a Client:**

- (1) All chemical substances, including paraffin wax, used within a field of practice shall be dispensed from containers in a manner to prevent contamination of the unused portion.

Roll-on waxing systems present a potential for cross contamination due to the roll-on applicator being applied to human skin and hair, which may harbor microorganisms that spread infections and disease.

Systems with roller heads that may be disinfected or disposed of may still pose a risk of cross-contamination due to wax flowing back into the reusable wax cartridge.

OHLA and the Board of Cosmetology will allow reusable roll-on waxing systems to be used from client to client only after independent research is submitted showing a particular system prevents “flow back” from the dispensing applicator head to the wax cartridge.

“Independent research” is defined as research from an established testing entity not affiliated with the manufacture or distribution of the product being tested.

OHLA and the Board of Cosmetology adopted this position statement on May 12, 2008.