

Informed Consent - Specialty Level One and Two (Genital Piercing)

A copy of this document *must* be provided to the client

Client Name (Please Print)

Date of Service

INFORMED CONSENT is both a process and a document – neither can stand alone as informed consent. The informed consent *process* must include a verbal review of the procedures, alternatives, and risks of the piercing procedure, as set out below, as well as an opportunity for the client to ask the piercer any question about the piercing. The informed consent *document* must be signed by you, the client.

PROCEDURES:

Specialty Level One Male Genital piercing: A Specialty Level One Male Genital piercing includes surface piercing (where the piercing has a point of entrance and point of exit) of the scrotum, frenum, foreskin, or the perineum behind the scrotum, and the piercing of the penis through the urethra and exiting on the underside of the penis (called a “Prince Albert”).

RISKS: The genital surface piercings are all susceptible to infection due to the closed-in nature of the genital area of the body and limited air circulation. Because of the constant irritation from clothing and general movement, these piercings may take longer to heal. The jewelry inserted into the penis may limit the effectiveness of condoms by causing tears. Imprecise piercing may damage nerves and blood vessels located in the penis. Healing time may be from 6 to 8 weeks for the foreskin or penis, to 3-4 months or longer for the frenum and perineum. Infection or allergic reaction may extend time required for healing. Neglecting appropriate aftercare may increase likelihood of infection and extend healing time.

Specialty Level One Female Genital piercing: Specialty Level One Female Genital piercing includes surface piercing (where the piercing has a point of entrance and point of exit) of the labia major, labia minor, frenulum labiorum pudenda (the perineum between the vagina and the anus), and a vertical piercing of the clitoral hood (called a “Princess Diana”).

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Specialty Level Two Male Genital piercing: A Specialty Level Two Male Genital piercing includes a vertical piercing of the head of the penis that passes through the urethra (called an “apadravya”), a horizontal piercing of the head of the penis that passes through the urethra (called an “ampallang”), a piercing through the corona or edge of the head or glans of the penis, a piercing of the penis entering through the urethra and exiting in the upper side of the penis (called a “reverse Prince Albert”).

RISKS: The genital piercings are all susceptible to infection due to the closed-in nature of the genital area of the body and limited air circulation. Because of the constant irritation from clothing and general movement, these piercings may take longer to heal. The jewelry inserted into the penis may limit the effectiveness of condoms by causing tears. Imprecise piercing of the glans may damage nerves and blood vessels located in the penis. Healing time may be from 3 to 4 months for the corona of the glans, 4-6 months for a piercing through the urethra that exits through upper surface of the glans penis, and 6-9 months for a vertical or horizontal piercing of the head or glans of the penis. Infection or allergic reaction may extend time required for healing. Neglecting appropriate aftercare may increase likelihood of infection and extend healing time.

Specialty Level Two Female Genital piercing: Specialty Level Two Female Genital piercing includes piercing of the clitoris, a horizontal piercing beneath the shaft of the clitoris (called a "triangle"), and a piercing of the base of the vagina exiting through the urethra (called a "Princess Albertina").

RISKS: The genital piercings are all susceptible to infection due to the closed-in nature of the genital area of the body and limited air circulation. Because of the constant irritation from clothing and general movement, these piercings may take longer to heal. Imprecise piercing may damage nerves and blood vessels located in the genitals. Imprecise piercing the clitoris or behind the clitoral shaft may result in significant irreparable nerve damage. Healing time may be from 4 to 8 weeks for a piercing of the clitoris, 3-4 months or longer for a piercing behind the clitoral shaft, and a piercing through the urethra. Infection and allergic reaction may extend time required for healing. Neglecting appropriate aftercare may increase likelihood of infection and extend healing time.

➤ **ALTERNATIVES:** As with any elective procedure, you have the option or alternative to choose a different procedure or to decline the procedure.

NOTE: OAR 331-900-0010 prohibits piercing the genitals or nipples of a person under the age of 18, even with parental consent.

This Section to Be: Completed by Client and Body Piercer: (Please Print Clearly)

QUESTIONS: This is your opportunity to ask questions you have about the piercing procedure, including questions about the procedure and the possible risks.

Question #1: _____ _____ _____	Answer #1: _____ _____ _____
Question #2: _____ _____ _____	Answer #2: _____ _____ _____
Question #3: _____ _____ _____	Answer #3: _____ _____ _____

I have been fully informed of the risks of piercing including but not limited to infection, scarring, and allergic reactions to various piercing jewelry, latex gloves, and antibiotics. Having been informed of the potential risks associated with the piercing procedure, I still wish to proceed with the piercing and I assume any and all risks that may arise from the piercing.

Copy of Informed Consent Documents Provided: Verbal Written

X _____
Signature: Licensed Piercer _____
Date

X _____
Signature: Client _____
Date

The original signed consent form must be kept by the piercing facility as a part of the client's records. A copy of the signed consent form must be given to the client (OAR 331-930-0030). Body Piercer must retain all documentation above for a minimum of three years.

This form was developed by the HLO in consultation with the Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact us at: Health Licensing Office, 1430 Tandem Ave. NE, Suite 180, Salem, OR 97301
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