

GALVANIC CURRENT (DESINCRUSTATION)

Benefits:

- A Desincrustation facial utilizes Galvanic Current in conjunction with an alkaline solution to force the solution deep into the skin. This process liquifies (saponifies) sebum trapped within the pores and greatly eases the extraction process.

Precautions:

- Check skin sensitivity for hot, cold and blotchy.
- Remove all jewelry (including body jewelry).
- Reduce current over bony areas.
- Check with client throughout treatment.
- Loss of skin sensations.
- Cover cuts and abrasions with petroleum jelly and plaster.
- Hypersensitive skin conditions such as Rosacea and Telangiectasias.
- Highly nervous client.

Indications:

- Clients in need of extractions.
- Build up of sebum and debris in pores.

Contraindications:

- Metal pins, plates, excessive fillings.
- Pustule acne and inflamed areas.
- Pacemaker.
- Estheticians who are pregnant may not use any electrical machines except for steam, brush, vacuum, and spray.
- Clients who are pregnant, have diabetes, or suffer from epilepsy require medical approval.

Pre-Procedure:

- Client greeting and offer water.
- Have client fill out history intake form or follow up form.
- Escort client to changing area.

- Help client onto bed, cover hair and drape with towel.
- Client consultation.
- Sanitize and glove hands according to gloving skill.
- Magnifying lamp (First look).
- Eye cleanse.
- Lip cleanse.
- Pre-cleanse (face).
- Magnifying lamp (First skin analysis).
- Basic cleanse.
- Second Skin Analysis (Wood's Lamp).
- Exfoliation.

Procedure:

- Prepare inactive electrode by covering it with damp gauze (secure with rubber band). Place it in client's right hand or under their right shoulder blade (if using rubber flat galvanic pad).
- Always make sure the electrode is placed on their right side, away from their heart.
- Prepare the active electrode by covering with damp cotton and secure with rubber band.
- Apply the desincrustation solution to the skin with a brush and to the gauze on the active electrode. The desincrustation solution is made by mixing baking soda and tap water together to form a loose pastry solution.



- Place the active electrode at the client's frontalis. Turn on the power and negative current at the lowest setting on the galvanic machine.
- Slowly increase the milliamperage meter, while moving the active electrode, until the client feels a slight prickle on the skin or gets a metallic taste in his or her mouth.



- Move the active electrode in small circular motions or roll along areas across entire the frontalis. Continue in T-zone, down to the nasalis and mentalis area, concentrating on clogged areas. Avoid the zygomatic arches for they are normally dry.
- Make sure to keep skin moist and pads wet. Water may be added if the pad becomes dry.



- Turn off the machine and remove the electrode. Rinse the skin and remove solution.

- Proceed with extractions for a maximum of 10 minutes as this may be uncomfortable for the client.

Post-Procedure:

- Remove gloves according to Degloving skill.

Infection Control:

- Always read and follow all manufacturers' directions.
- Detach electrode from modality. Remove soiled sponge or gauze and discard in designated waste containers
- Wash electrode with warm soapy water.
- Soak electrode in disinfectant solution for 20 minutes. Do not place in autoclave.
- Spray with hospital strength germicidal solution and wipe with gauze. Place in sanitizer.
- Store in closed container.
- Refer to OSHA and your state board.