

Summary

Electrology

What? Electrolysis is the only way to permanently remove hair from the body.

Why? History – It is used to remove unwanted hair from face and body. It has been approved by the FDA.

How does it relate to the skin? - It destroys the area where the hair grows with chemical energy by the insertion of a small needle like probe into the hair follicle. It will work on any color of hair including white because it does not depend on the contrast of pigmented hair against skin.

Where does it typically occur? – This procedure can be performed on the face and body. When the electric current is introduced by a very tiny needle into the hair follicle, the dermal papilla, matrix and bulb are all destroyed.

When? – When the client wants unwanted hair removed and there are no contraindications discovered by the electrologist. This is a great solution for facial hair.

Who benefits from this? –A client having hormonal issues or wants to be hair free. Electrolysis does not have to be maintained like waxing or laser does so it is more convenient for the client who wants a permanent solution. This is a service for esthetic referral by doctors and others in the medical community. Some estheticians are also electrologists or may be affiliated with an electrologist

What causes this? -Results vary for each person as to how many visits are required to remove all unwanted hair. There can be a temporary redness right after an electrolysis treatment.

How? Solutions (Mechanical /Machine) There are three types of electrolysis. Galvanic and Thermolysis are used as well as a combination of the two modalities which uses both chemicals and heat.

How? Solutions (Non Mechanical) Sometimes hair is removed from follicle with tweezers after the probe is inserted and removed. Wax may also be used. Avoiding caffeine and being more relaxed can reduce the sensation of pain during treatment, also the strength of the device can be monitored and turned down.