

iUBT392 – Microdermabrasion treatments

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Guided Learning Hours: 45

Learning outcome	Assessment criteria	Taught content to include
LO1 Know the legislation applicable to microdermabrasion treatments	1.1. Explain the legislation applicable to microdermabrasion treatments	• Health and Safety at Work Act • Electricity at Work Act • Data Protection Act • General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
LO2 Understand how to prepare for microdermabrasion treatments	2.1. Explain the structure of a microdermabrasion machine and how it works	• Compressor • Low pressure suction pump • Crystals • Disposable nozzle • How the machine works – manual and pre-set • Indications for use • Other types of microdermabrasion equipment and their uses i.e. diamond tip
	2.2. Explain the procedure for a tactile test	• The procedure for the test • Ask the client if they can tell the difference between the sharp and soft sensation
	2.3. Explain the procedure for a patch test	• Use of the machine on a small area of the area to be treated • Monitoring of skin reaction
	2.4. Explain the areas suitable for treatment	• Face • Neck • Décolletage • Back • Hands • Arms • Legs

	2.5. Explain the effects and benefits of microdermabrasion treatment	• Treatment effects • Length and frequency of treatment • Effects and benefits to include: - Increase in cellular renewal - Improved skin texture - Reduction of comedones and milia - Reduction of fine lines and wrinkles - Improved appearance of scar tissue i.e. acne scarring - Reduction of sun damage - Increased absorption of skincare products - Improved appearance of stretch marks - Improved appearance of cellulite
	2.6. Explain methods of consultation	• An example of a consultation form can be found at www.vtctskills.org.uk • Private comfortable area • Positive body language • Positioning of the client (no barrier between self and client) • Good communication skills (asking open and/or closed questions where appropriate) • Trust • Professionalism, confidence and enthusiasm • Confidentiality • Consent • Inform clients of any restrictions to treatment i.e. local contra-indications • Any contra-indications to treatment • Ensure clients are not alarmed in any way • Client lifestyle • Client profile • Importance of planning a treatment programme bearing in mind the client's religious, moral and social beliefs • Determining the nature and extent of the client's needs • Agreement to the treatment plan • Explanation of any possible side effects to the treatment • Explanation of how the treatment plan will be evaluated and the review process • Obtain the client's signature particularly when pre-existing conditions may exist

	2.7. Recognise those contra-indications to microdermabrasion treatments requiring medical or for the client to sign an informed consent prior to the treatment and those contra-indications that restrict treatment	• With medical, GP or specialist permission – In circumstances where written medical permission cannot be obtained the client must sign an informed consent stating that the treatment and its effects has been fully explained to them and confirm that they are willing to proceed without permission from their GP or specialist - Pregnancy - Cardiovascular conditions (thrombosis, phlebitis, hypertension, hypotension, heart conditions) - Haemophilia - Any condition already being treated by a GP or dermatologist - Inflamed, infected or contagious skin conditions or disorders - Active herpes simplex - Malignant melanoma - Skin thinning medication i.e steroids - Anti-coagulant medications - Keloid scars - Scleroderma - HIV - Medical oedema - Osteoporosis - Nervous/psychotic conditions - Epilepsy - Recent operations - Diabetes - Asthma - Bell's palsy - Trapped/pinched nerve - Inflamed nerve - Cancer - Conditions causing muscular spasticity i.e. cerebral palsy - Undiagnosed pain - When taking prescribed medication - Recent cosmetic or other surgery - Injections for personal enhancement • Contra-indications that restrict treatment - Fever - Contagious or infectious disease - Under the influence of recreational drugs or alcohol - Diarrhoea and/or vomiting
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LO3 Be able to carry out microdermabrasion treatments	3.1. Prepare self, client and work area for microdermabrasion treatment	• Preparation of working area • Equipment • Products • Work wear • Personal appearance and behaviour • Hygiene e.g. sterilising/sanitising tools and equipment • Personal protective equipment (PPE) • Preparation of the client for treatment • Client care and modesty
	3.2. Carry out a skin analysis	• Overall skin type • Skin condition • Pigmentation and colour • Skin texture

		• Skin imperfections • Skin tone • Skin temperature • Muscle tone • Skin elasticity • UV damage • Skin healing ability
	3.3. Explain and select appropriate treatment for the client's skin type	• Levels at which the unit will work • Level 1 helps in the removal of comedones and milia • Level 2 helps in the treatment of fine lines and wrinkles • Level 3 treatment of scars, lip and frown lines
	3.4. Explain and demonstrate how to set up the equipment in a safe and hygienic manner	• Check there are no loose wires • Check there are no trailing wires • Check there is no water in the area • Test the equipment first • Explain the treatment and the sensation to the client • Ensure all attachments are sanitised before and after use on the client
	3.5. Explain and apply the treatment safely and effectively for the advised treatment time	• Adhere to all safety precautions and manufacturer's instructions • Use the correct intensity of suction/pressure in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and the type of treatment performed • Use the machine safely for the required amount of time depending on the skin type and reaction • Perform microdermabrasion treatment including gliding, horizontal and circular techniques • Skin reactions must be evaluated throughout and correct tension on the skin evaluated accordingly • Ensure disposable nozzle is used according to the system used • Used crystals must be disposed of • Filters must be cleaned or disposed of in accordance with manufacturer's instructions • Treatment head must be disposed of or sterilised in accordance with manufacturer's instructions • All used consumables must be appropriately disposed of • Clinical waste
	3.6. Explain and demonstrate appropriate aftercare	• Evaluate treatment results

		• Re-evaluate future treatment programme • Appropriate moisturiser applied (SPF 30) • Client advised on appropriate home care and products in particular those which are chemical or perfume based • Ongoing treatment required to maintain effects • Avoid exposure to sunlight • Avoid the use of exfoliates and products containing exfoliating ingredients i.e. AHAs
	3.7. Demonstrate the ability to work within time limits acceptable to industry	• The treatment should be performed for the required amount of time efficiently and professionally ensuring the working area remains clean and tidy throughout

LO4 Be able to advise on home and aftercare and update client records	4.1. Explain possible post treatment reactions	• Erythema • Swelling • Mild grazing of the skin • Pin point bruising • Light flaking of the skin following treatment • Sensation of mild sun/windburn • Tingling
	4.2. Explain the importance of appropriate home and aftercare advice	• Allow time to restore the acid mantle • Use high SPF sunblock – minimum SPF 30 • No makeup for 48 hours • Do not sunbathe or use sun beds for the duration of the course of treatment • No heat treatments, e.g. steam or sauna • Healthy eating • Skincare
	4.3. Explain and demonstrate how to update client records accurately	• The treatment performed • Treatment time • Any skin reactions • Treatment plan • Further appointments

Assessment

Portfolio of evidence containing:

- 9 treatment evidence to include
 - Treating 3 clients on 3 separate occasions for a range of facial microdermabrasion treatments

Practical examination

MCQ

These treatment evidence are internally assessed by the college lecturer and verified by the external examiner to include:

- Consultation
- Medical history
- Skin analysis
- Treatment details
- Client feedback
- Aftercare and home care advice

Guide to taught content

The content contained within the unit specification is not prescriptive or exhaustive but is intended to provide helpful guidance to teachers and learners with the key areas that will be covered within the unit, and, relating to the kinds of evidence that should be provided for each assessment objective specific to the unit learning outcomes.

Document History

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