

- Dermals are a specialty piercing that require special care
- A clear, breathable tegaderm bandage will be placed over the initial piercing, which keeps the jewelry flat. This should not be removed or tampered with for three days to prevent catching, tilting, or lifting, which can lead to rejection
- New piercings are open wounds and it is extremely important to keep them clean to avoid potential infection risks
- Only touch piercings after washing hands with unscented antibacterial soap
- Do not let anyone else touch your new piercing or jewelry for any reason
- Avoid any contact with chlorinated water, ponds, lakes, beaches, pools, hot tubs, tanning beds, and animal dander
- If your pets sleep in your bed, make sure your sheets are cleaned regularly
- Avoid sleeping on the location of the piercing
- Avoid rough housing or other activities which will potentially bump, rub, or otherwise irritate the piercing site
- Avoid putting anything on the dermal site, such as make up, lotion, or fragrance
- After the first three days, once the tegaderm comes off, you can very carefully and gently wash the piercing site with your finger with provon antimicrobial soap. Do not scrub, twist, pull, or rotate the jewelry. Make sure to **rinse all the soap completely off** of the piercing site. Then apply h2ocean spray on a q-tip and gently rotate it around the dermal top. Do not lift up on the dermal top. Let the location air out for about 10 minutes, then apply a steri strip bandage (do a criss cross pattern for high motion areas) and continue this cleaning regimen 2-3 times a day or 2 weeks.
- Wash your piercing after any physical activity including exercise
- Do not let the piercing area directly touch gym equipment of any kind including home gym equipment or yoga mats
- Avoid dirt, oil, grease, or other irritants on the piercing area
- As a natural part of the healing process with any piercing, a white to yellow discharge will release from the piercing location and a crust will form that must be washed away
- Avoid neosporin, triple antibiotic ointment, rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, bactine, or home remedies
- Avoid tight fitting clothing, wool, or lace on the piercing site
- Dermals can take up to 8 months to a year to fully heal
- You should wait at least 30 days to come in and get your dermal top changed
- Body piercings, because of their very nature, can be prone to bacterial infections or rejection even some time after the initial piercing has taken place. Keeping cleanliness in mind throughout the life of the piercing is very important

Body jewelry is a foreign object in your body which sometimes the body can naturally reject. This is not a reflection of the way the piercer performed the service. Understanding this is very important.

We offer one complimentary jewelry change for the piercings you receive at our studio.
Please do not bring in outside body jewelry for sterility reasons.

Thank you for your business!

Don't hesitate to contact us at 910.346.2059 or elitetattoogallerync@gmail.com for any questions concerning the aftercare process or to schedule your one time complimentary jewelry change