

Piercing Bumps vs Keloids – What Clients Should Know

Piercing Irritation Bumps

Irritation bumps are the most common bump seen on piercings and are usually caused by irritation during healing.

Common causes:

- Touching or twisting jewelry too much
- Sleeping on the piercing
- Snagging on clothing or hair
- Harsh cleaning products
- Jewelry that is too tight or low-quality metal

What helps:

- Clean 1–2 times daily with sterile saline
- Avoid touching or playing with jewelry
- Avoid pressure on the piercing
- Keep hair products and makeup away from the area
- Ensure jewelry is implant-grade titanium, gold, or surgical steel

Keloids

Keloids are a type of scar tissue that grows larger than the original wound due to excess collagen production.

Important facts:

- Keloids are uncommon and usually genetic
- They grow beyond the original piercing hole
- They are firm, raised scars
- They may continue growing over time

If you suspect a keloid:

- Do not cut, pop, or attempt DIY treatment
- Continue gentle saline cleaning
- Avoid irritation or pressure
- Seek evaluation from a professional piercer
- Dermatologists may treat them with steroid injections or laser therapy

Most bumps are irritation bumps, not keloids. If you are unsure, stop by and we will happily take a look.

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