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# Keloid Scar tissue

## **Keloid scar tissue**

**Keloid scar tissue is a growth of hard scar tissue and usually forms on the entrance or exit hole of a piercing. In the beginning stages of keloiding the keloid can have the appearance of a pimple that is attached to either the entrance or exit hole of the piercing, and occasionally can be on both sides.**

**Keloiding can be caused by a few factors.**

**It has been proven that keloiding can be hereditary , most people that have hereditary keloiding know of the problem. For these types of people even the most minor scratch can result in permanent scarring.**

**It has also been medically proven that people with darker pigmentation in their skin are more prone to keloiding.**

**In reference to piercing keloiding can happen for many different reasons,**

### **(1) Friction and pressure**

**Jewelry that is not properly fit for the piercing will create pressure on a healed or non healed piercing this usually creates swelling, this swelling creates more pressure and this vicious circle continues until the body either rejects the jewelry and or keloid scar tissue is formed.**

**Some people are sensitive to pressure and can occasionally see keloiding from sleeping on the healing piercing, on average your head weight is approximately 25 pounds, this weight can occasionally cause some people issues.**

**Friction can also be a another leading cause of keloiding, this can be cause by tight restrictive clothing, restrictive sporting equipment, etc.**

### **(2) Irritation**

**Irritation can be caused from may different things including improper piercing placement, over cleaning , improper cleaning techniques, damaged jewelry or scratched jewelry**

**Keloiding can be permanent but some methods can reduce and or eliminate keloids, but first and foremost the problem that is causing the keloid needs to be changed or any reduction method will not work.**

**Due to the complex nature of keloids if you feel that you may be experiencing any the listed problems please consult your piercer and/or your doctor.**