

Piercing, Anodization, and Suspensions



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Prevent • Promote • Protect

El Paso County Public Health

- **Our mission** is to promote and protect public health and environmental quality across El Paso County through people, prevention and partnerships.
- **Our vision** is for all El Paso County residents to live in thriving communities where every person has the opportunity to achieve optimal health.
- **Our values** are integrity, service excellence, collaboration, innovation, data-driven and respect.
- **First public health agency in Colorado** to earn accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board.

El Paso County Public Health

- **Who we serve:** El Paso County residents and visitors, including the cities and towns of Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Fountain, Green Mountain Falls, Monument, Palmer Lake and Ramah.
- **History:** El Paso County Public Health was established in 1872 as a City Health Department, and then became an organized County Health Department in 1939.
- **Organization:** EPCPH is organized in three major divisions: Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Health Services, and Environmental Health.

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Piercing-why do we do it?

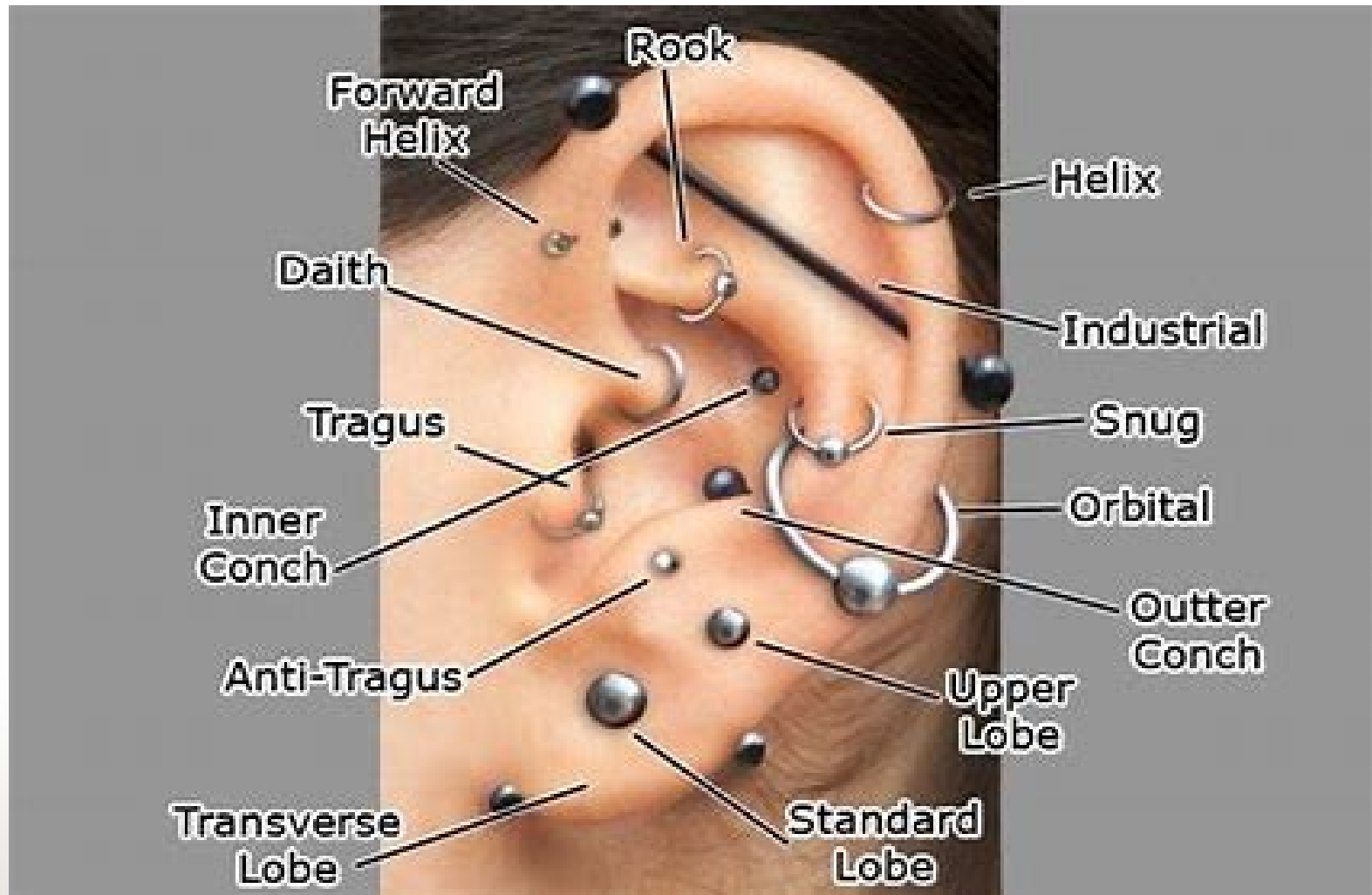




Body modifications



Controversy about medical significance



Externally vs. internally threaded jewelry



Externally Threaded

Sharp threading may damage your piercing when installing or changing jewelry. This style of jewelry should be avoided.



Internally Threaded

The smooth surface will not damage your piercing. This style of threading creates a smooth fit where the bead meets the jewelry.



Internally vs. externally threaded jewelry



Anodization-

an electrochemical process that varies the thickness of the oxide layer that naturally occurs on the titanium base layer

Anodization

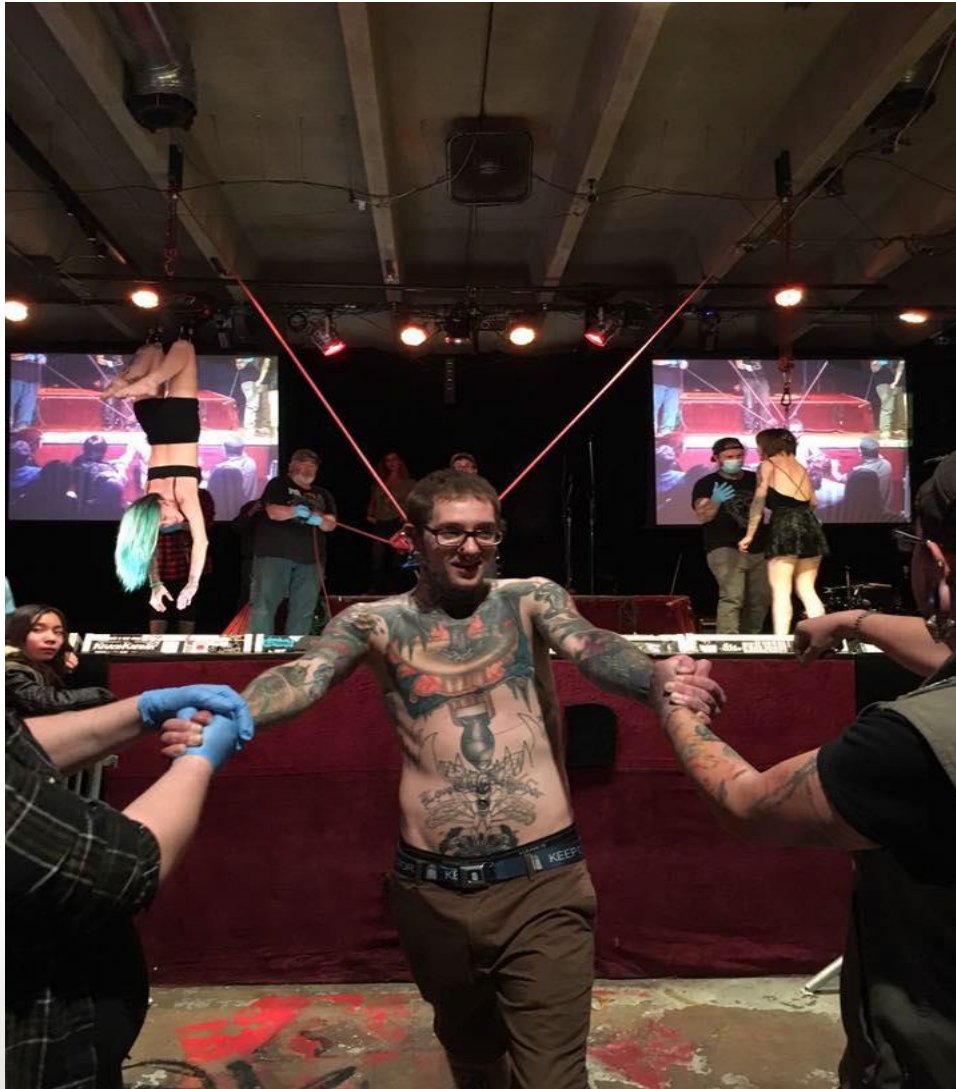
Anodized Titanium Colors



Customized industrial jewelry



Suspensions



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Thank you! Questions?

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