

**Gypsy Trance**  
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**Breaking News:** Konami Corp., a Japanese software maker says it plans to launch a skin care guide for use on Nintendo's DS portable game player, which will provide consumers with beauty tips based on hormone balance and basal body temperature. The skin care software will hit the Japanese market October 18.

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### When to apply, and when to avoid, galvanic and high frequency treatments

#### Question:

Can you perform galvanic and high frequency treatments on clients who wear braces?

#### Answer by Rob Trow:

Also called iontophoresis, the galvanic technique uses electrical current to increase product penetration into the skin. It is not advisable for use on clients who have excessive metal in the area that is to be treated, including metal pins, plates or braces, as it can cause discomfort and pain.

Iontophoresis is also not advisable for use on those who have implanted electrical devices (e.g. pacemakers), highly sensitive skin, sinusitis, epilepsy or infectious skin disorders, as well as on clients who are in the more advanced stages of pregnancy. When in doubt, check with the client's physician first.

The high frequency method is another story. While you can use it on clients with braces, the high frequency technique may warm up the metal in braces, which may be uncomfortable for the client.

### About Rob Trow



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