

Press release

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STATION THERMALE Avène



Avène Hydrotherapy Center, the 1st center fully dedicated to dermatology to receive the Aquacert HACCP Thermalisme® certification



(original certification date: November 29, 2010).

For over 20 years, the Avène Hydrotherapy Center has focused its efforts on controlled processes and high quality treatments. It is consequently a real honor to be the first dermatological hydrotherapy center to receive the “Aquacert HACCP thermalisme®” Certification, which rewards the quality approach that Avène has taken for several years.

This certification, initiated by the National Board of Thermal Operators (CNETh), guarantees the safety of the thermal water from the spring to the client.

It shows that the certified hydrotherapy center is in full compliance with regulatory requirements from January 2007 (related to hydrotherapy centers).

It is based on specific criteria, including all requirements and minimum standards that must be respected by a quality management system.

The **Aquacert HACCP thermalisme®** certification, which is evaluated annually, is overseen by a Scientific and Technical Committee, comprised of members who are widely recognized for their expertise and impartiality (certified auditors, independent experts, university departments...).

Benefits for the general public:

For the patients at the Avène Hydrotherapy Center, this Quality Assurance guarantees the safety of the Thermal water used for their treatments.

Since the very beginning, the Avène Hydrotherapy Center, which is entirely dedicated to dermatology, has used genuine scientific hydrotherapy to treat its patients. Every year, the hydrotherapy center provides highly effective hydrotherapy treatments to over 2,500 patients (both adults and children) who suffer from various pathologies such as eczema, atopic dermatitis and psoriasis. Avène Thermal Spring Water is at the heart of all the treatments. Thanks to its naturally soothing and anti-irritating properties, this Spring Water is considered as a genuine therapeutic ingredient. Essential to our patients, it is also beneficial for all types of sensitive skin.

For more information on Aquacert: www.aquacert-certification.fr

For more information on the Avène Hydrotherapy Center: www.avenecenter.com

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