Using Battery-Operated Scope Warmers?

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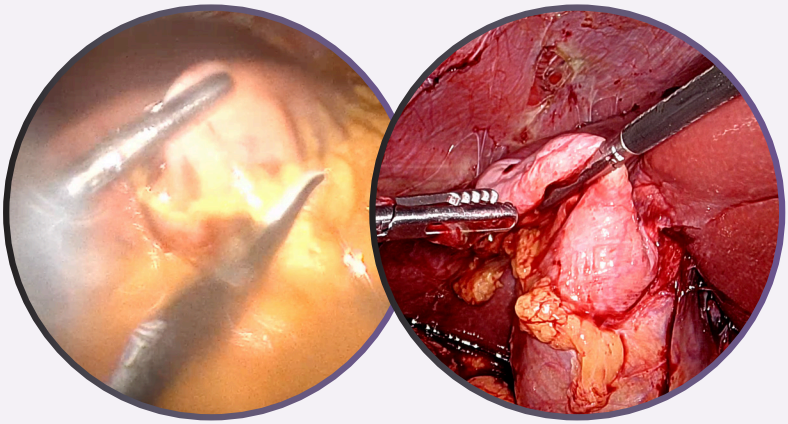
Unparalleled Fog-Free Surgical Visibility
with Fewer Interruptions
and
Substantially Reduce Your OR Waste



Without PLASMAShield®

With PLASMAShield®

PLASMAShield® - Designed to Deliver

- ☑ Clearer vision
- ☑ Reduced OR time
- ☑ Fewer scope removals
- ☑ Smoother workflow
- ☑ Less OR waste

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Battery-Operated Scope Warmers

A Significant Source of Hospital Waste

The following estimates highlight the potential environmental impact of battery-operated scope warmers.

Assumptions

- The number of laparoscopic procedures performed in the US every year is projected to reach approximately **8,000,000** by 2028.[1]
- Assume **4,000,000** procedures use single-use, battery-operated scope warmers.
- Average weight of batteries in commonly used single-use scope warmers is approximately **0.125** lbs per warmer.[2]

Estimated Scope Warmer Battery Disposal in the US Annually

10,000,000+ batteries disposed[3]

OR

500,000 lbs / 250 tons of hospital waste[4]

Environmental Impact of 250 Tons of Battery Disposal

250 tons of batteries disposed of every year is the equivalent in weight to approximately:

6.6 empty Boeing 737-400 planes OR **~1,900 hospital beds** OR **1,333,300 iPhones**[5]

Further Battery Environmental Considerations*

Soil Contamination: As batteries break down in landfills, chemicals can leach into the soil, disrupting plant growth and harming local wildlife.

Air Pollution: Incinerating batteries potentially releases toxic fumes into the air, contributing to pollution and respiratory issues.

Water Pollution: Toxins from improperly disposed batteries may seep into the groundwater or run off into nearby water bodies, affecting aquatic life and potentially entering the drinking water supply.

Decomposition: Batteries can take up to 100 years to decompose in a landfill.

Manufacturing: The manufacturing process for batteries, involving raw materials and energy, has significant environmental impact.

[1] Based on iData Research.
[2] Assumes 3 commonly used single-use scope warmers have equal market distribution:
#1 uses 3 AA batteries at 0.05 lbs per battery.
#2 uses 2 CR123A batteries at 0.0375 lbs per battery.
#3 uses 3 AA batteries at 0.05 lbs per battery.
Average battery weight per scope warmer:
((3*0.05) + (2*0.0375) + (3*0.05)) / 3 = 0.125 lbs.
[3] Battery Quantity: (3+2+3) / 3 * 4,000,000 = 10,000,000+ assuming equal market distribution.
[4] 4,000,000 procedures * 0.125 lbs per scope warmer = 500,000 lbs.
[5] Based on weight of iPhone 16.
[6] PLASMAShield® Base has a single rechargeable battery pack which can be used for up to 10,000 procedures, after which the batteries can be recycled.

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NO Disposable Batteries[6]

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