AUTHORISED ASSISTANTS

Some lasers require a second person to assist the Authorised Operator. For example, most surgical lasers require an assistant to operate the laser console while the surgeon controls the fibre optic, or other delivery system, and a footswitch which fires the laser. The responsibilities of the Authorised Assistant should be detailed in the Local Rule. These duties may include ensuring that all staff in the Controlled Area have goggles, ensuring that warning signs are displayed at entrances, preparing the laser for use, etc. Authorised Assistants should have received training on general laser safety, and should normally have assisted in at least five or six treatments under the supervision of a previously trained Authorised Assistent. A list of Authorised Assistents should be kept by the Laser Protection Supervisor.

Authorised Assistants will normally be approved by the laser protection superviser.

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