SURGICAL ALERT

WHAT IS FALLING OFF YOUR SURGICAL HEADLIGHT INTO THE OPERATIVE SITE?

Remove the dread of the unknown by choosing the right surgical headlight and putting a cleaning routine in place after every case.

Surgeons and Theatre staff have a duty of care to follow safe practice to ensure the safety of every patient.



CLEANABILITY IS VITAL FOR PATIENT SAFETY!

- 1. Headlights must be visually inspected before every case for blood splash and debris.
- 2. Headlights must be wiped after every case to ensure safety of next patient and theatre staff.
- 3. Dry blood and debris left on Headlights risks contaminating the sterile field by flaking off during a case.
- **4.** Changing foam comfort/sweat liners protects surgeons from others perspiration. Degrading foam particles can fall off during procedures and enter the surgical site. As part of the cleaning regime foam liners should be checked routinely for wear and tear.
- **5.** Choose a Headlight simple in design, preferably light in colour, for easy cleaning and quick visual inspection every time. Complex designs are more difficult to clean.

CLEANABILITY IS NOT AN OPTION, ITS CRUCIAL WHEN CHOOSING A SURGICAL HEADLIGHT



For more information on

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SURGICAL HEADLIGHT

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QUICK QUESTIONS TO ASK

- Q Why choose a surgical headlight based on colour?
- A Blood and bioburden is easiest to see on light coloured headbands.



- **Q** Why choose a surgical headlight based on its simplicity of design?
- **A** Complex designs are difficult and time consuming to clean. They increase the risk of debris flaking off and falling into the surgical site.

ALERT – COMPLEX DESIGNS







- **Q** How long should it take to clean a surgical headlight?
- **A** Cleaning a light coloured simply designed headlight should take about a minute after each case. (Including fibre optic or battery cable)

SIMPLE DESIGNS







Q – How often should the foam comfort / sweat pads be replaced?

Would you want to wear one of these sweat bands after they've been used?



A – Ideally each surgeon would have their own to replace as required. The comfort/sweat pads degrade over time with sweat absorption increasing the risk of foam particles falling into the surgical site.

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