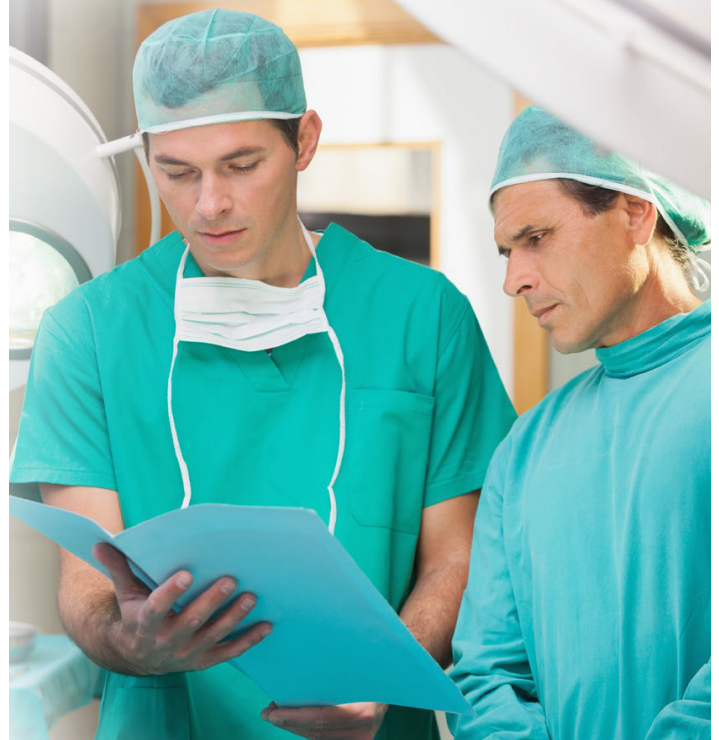




Responsibilities of a Facility Medical Laser Safety Officer

- Take responsibility for the administration of the facility's laser safety program, and become a member of the facility's Laser Safety Committee
- Take responsibility for monitoring, evaluating and overseeing the control of laser hazards
- Coordinate policy and procedure approvals to ensure all federal and state regulations are met, and to ensure all lasers are registered with the applicable state agency
- Monitor compliance to facility policies and procedures such as maintenance, service, laser safety checklists and related items for operating personnel
- Fully understand ANSI, AORN, OSHA and The Joint Commission standards to support and supplement the facility's existing policies and procedures
- Compile inventory list of all lasers, safety information and appropriate record keeping
- Support laser safety education and training for all health care personnel working with or around Class 3B and Class 4 health care laser systems
- Ensure appropriate protective equipment availability, condition and use
- Audit licensure and credentialing of users and all staff working with or around health care lasers
- Ensure all appropriate signs and labels are in accordance with Section 4.7 of ANSI Z136.3*
- Assess compliance of 3rd party vendor lasers and equipment, maintenance records, staff credentials and performance in accordance with facility policies treatment areas



- Establish and monitor control measures for electrical and fire hazards
- Establish and monitor control measures for cryogenics, dyes and solvents
- Conduct laser safety audits with written reports focused on personnel and patient safety features (e.g. eyewear, beam barriers, area controls, plume evacuation and warning signs) and equipment safety features (e.g. interlocks, labels, etc.)
- Work as liaison between facility staff and administration regarding concerns or questions involved in clinical practice

*This is meant to assist customers in their laser safety programs and may not be an exhaustive list.

The MLSO responsibilities, as defined and created by AORN, ANSI, OSHA and The Joint Commission, include, but are not limited to, the bullet points listed above.

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