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Encision's AEM®
Laparoscopic
Instruments...
Ensuring On-target
Patient Safety

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Method Used to Prevent Stray Energy Burns During Laparoscopy	Where is it employed?	What does it detect or verify?	Does it detect		Does it	Does it signal
			insulation failure?	capacitive coupling?	continuously monitor for stray energy during surgery?	the generator to shut off if it detects stray energy?
ACTIVE ELECTRODE MONITORING	Operating Room	Continuously monitors the instrument for stray energy during surgery	YES	YES	YES	YES, and immediately alerts OR staff of a bad instrument
Hipot Electrical Testing	Sterile Processing	"Wanding" of the instrument checks for visually imperceptible holes and defects in the instrument's insulation	YES	NO		
	Operating Room (pre- and post- op, not during surgery)		YES	NO	NO	NO
Visual Inspection	Sterile Processing	Visually perceptible holes or defects in the instrument's insulation	MAYBE, staff may not detect hole(s) upon inspection	NO		
	Operating Room (pre- and post- op, not during surgery)			NO	NO	NO
Does Nothing			NO	NO	NO	NO

When it comes to preventing stray energy burns from insulation failure and capacitive coupling, aim AEM higher!



