

**Non-AEM Monopolar Laparoscopic Instruments:
Complication and Mortality Rates from Thermal Bowel Injuries**

Description	Data
Number of monopolar laparoscopic procedures performed in the USA every year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 million laparoscopic procedures annually 85% use monopolar electrosurgical energy 	2,550,000 procedures Annually¹
Incidence of thermal bowel injuries during laparoscopic surgery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.3 bowel injuries in 1000 procedures (50% are due to thermal injury) thermal injuries likely underreported 	0.065%²⁻⁵
Incidence of death from thermal bowel injuries during laparoscopic surgery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peritonitis has a mortality rate of 25% 0.065% x 25% = 0.01625% 	0.01625%⁶
Number of preventable monopolar laparoscopic complications over a 10 year period, from thermal bowel injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2,550,000 procedures annually) x (0.065% risk) x (10 years) 	16,575
Number of preventable monopolar laparoscopic deaths over a 10 year period, from thermal bowel injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2,550,000 procedures annually) x (0.01625% risk) x (10 years) 	4,144

**Non-AEM Monopolar Laparoscopic Instruments:
Complication Rates from All Thermal Injuries**

Description	Data
Number of preventable monopolar laparoscopic complications over a 10 year period, from all thermal injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.869 injuries in 1000 procedures⁷ (50% are due to thermal injury²) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (4.869/1000)*(50%) = 0.243% risk (2,550,000 procedures annually) x (0.243% risk) x (10 years) 	62,080



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