



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3727.25 Surgical smoke evacuation policy.

Effective: October 3, 2023

Legislation: House Bill 33 - 135th General Assembly

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Surgical smoke" means the airborne byproduct of an energy-generating device used in a surgical procedure, including smoke plume, bioaerosols, gases, laser-generated contaminants, and dust.

(2) "Surgical smoke evacuation system" means equipment designed to capture, filter, and eliminate surgical smoke at the point of origin, before the smoke makes contact with the eyes or respiratory tract of individuals.

(B) Not later than one year after the effective date of this section , each hospital that offers surgical services shall adopt and implement a policy designed to prevent human exposure to surgical smoke during any planned surgical procedure that is likely to generate surgical smoke. The policy shall include the use of a surgical smoke evacuation system.

(C) The director of health may adopt any rules the director considers necessary to implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
