YOUR HEALTH MATTERS.

Did you know an estimated 500,000 health care workers are exposed to laser or electrosurgical smoke each year?¹

HEALTH EFFECTS REPORTED BY HEALTH CARE WORKERS:

- Emphysema
- Asthma
- Chronic bronchitis
- Hypoxia or dizziness
- Nasopharyngeal lesions
- Sneezing

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• Nose and throat irritation

- Coughing
- Rhinitis
- Eye irritation
- Anemia
- Anxiety
- Carcinoma
- Leukemia

- Cardiovascular dysfunction
- Skin irritation
- Headache
- Hepatitis
- Nausea or vomiting
- Weakness/fatigue
- Allergies

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