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INTRODUCTION

This technical report describes possible adverse incidents that may occur in respect of the use of IPL devices and recommends measures to avoid them. Some of the described incidents represent serious adverse effects, ranging from cosmetically significant to physically or medically significant. Provided the IPL operator is appropriately educated and trained and the guidelines in this document are followed, the use of IPL in a cosmetic setting should be no more hazardous to the CLIENT or staff personnel than similar IPL interventions in medical settings.

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1 Scope and object

1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 62471, which is a technical report, provides guidelines for the safe use of INTENSE PULSED LIGHT (IPL) source equipment in professional premises.

This technical report sets out the control measures recommended for the safety of recipients of IPL treatment, staff, service, maintenance personnel and others. Engineering controls which form part of the IPL equipment or the installation are also briefly described to provide an understanding of the general principles of protection.

1.2 Object

The object of this report is to provide information which helps to protect persons from hazardous exposure to optical radiation and other associated hazards by providing guidance on how to establish safety measures and procedures.

NOTE Although the manufacturers provide treatment information in their instructions for use, such information may not be exhaustive or applicable to all CLIENT treatment conditions.

If IPLs are applied to patients in medical premises, the physician is deemed to be responsible for all medical aspects of the treatment including his or her decisions about questions of indication and contraindication such as found in Clauses 5 and 6.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 CLIENT

person receiving the IPL treatment

EXAMPLE Customers in beauty salons or patients in medical environments.

3.2

CONTROLLED AREA

area around the IPL where the local rules apply

Note 1 to entry: Generally the room where the IPL is used.