

**PRESENT REGULATION 22  
LASER SURGERY GUIDELINES**

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 17-95-202, the practice of medicine involves the use of surgery for the diagnosing and treatment of human disease, ailment, injury, deformity, or other physical conditions. Surgery is further defined by this Board as any procedure in which human tissue is cut, altered, or otherwise infiltrated by mechanical means, to include the use of lasers. The Board further finds that the use of medical lasers on human beings, for therapeutic or cosmetic purposes, constitutes the practice of medicine.

Ark. Code Ann. 17-95-409(a)(2)(g) states that the Board may revoke an existing license, or suspend the same, if a physician has committed unprofessional conduct, further defined as committing gross negligence or ignorant malpractice. The Board finds that a physician has, in fact, committed gross negligence if he performs laser surgery on patients without benefit of: a) clinical experience in the use of lasers; b) training of clinical management of patients; c) continuing medical education courses in the use of lasers; d) providing appropriate preoperative, operative, and post operative management.

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