# PlumePen® Elite

Surgical Plume Evacuation Pencil





# Designed for Surgeons by Surgeons

### **Unrivaled Profile**

46% smaller

- Powerfully compact and ultra slim
- Similar in size to standard electrosurgical pencils
- Significantly smaller (up to 46%) than competitive electrosurgical smoke pencils



# **Unsurpassed Comfort & Performance**

#### **Over-molded Cradle Design**

Provides improved grip and comfort

#### **Up to 25% More Flow**

Provides more flow than competitive electrosurgical smoke pencils

#### **Light, Flexible Tubing**

 Aids in reducing pull, hand fatigue, and tension on the wrist

#### **Wire Management**

- Seamless integration of ESU wire and tubing
- Provides organized cord management on the sterile field

#### **Simple Connectivity**

• Easily connects to most surgical plume evacuators and ESU generators

## **Over-molded Button Design**

 One piece over-molded button design limits fluid ingress aiding in the prevention of sticking buttons

#### **Full Blade Reveal**

 Provides exceptional visibility at surgical site



# Surgical Smoke Plume

#### The Facts

Surgical smoke plume is a potentially dangerous byproduct generated from the use of lasers, electrosurgical pencils, ultrasonic devices, and other surgical energy based devices. As these instruments cauterize vessels and destroy (vaporize) tissue, fluid, and blood, a gaseous material known as surgical smoke plume is created.

- Standard OR ventilation is ineffective at removing smoke directly where it is generated.<sup>1</sup>
- The chemical component of surgical smoke plume contains over 80 different toxic chemicals and byproducts, some which have documented harmful health effects. <sup>2,3</sup>
- Some of the chemicals that have been identified are:
- Perchloroethylene: main component in dry cleaning fluid
- Hydrogen cyanide: neurotoxin used in chemical warfare
- Toluene: similar to paint thinner; known carcinogen
- Benzene: known carcinogen
- One report from a surgeon indicates he contracted the same DNA viral type of HPV in his larynx as a patient he had treated for anogential condylomas.<sup>3</sup>
- Surgical smoke has been shown to be as mutagenic as cigarette smoke. Over a two month period a plastic surgery theater recorded daily smoke production and found the exposure to be equivalent to 27-30 cigarettes.<sup>1</sup>
- It has been shown that breathing surgical smoke can induce acute and chronic inflammation which presents itself as congestion, pneumonia, and bronchiolitis.<sup>4</sup>

#### **The Solutions**

Buffalo Filter is a recognized world leader in surgical smoke plume evacuation solutions. We are dedicated to helping facilities provide a smoke free work environment. To find out more call 1.800.343-2324 (U.S.) or 1.716.835.7000 (outside U.S.).





#### **Product Ordering Information**

Catalog Number	Description	Quantity
PlumePen® Elite (Stainless Steel ESU Blade)		
PLP1005	10 ft. (3 m) tubing	5/Case
PLP1020	10 ft. (3 m) tubing	20/Case
PLP1505	15 ft. (4.6 m) tubing	5/Case
PLP1520	15 ft. (4.6 m) tubing	20/Case
PlumePen® Elite (Non-Stick ESU Blade)		
PLP2005	10 ft. (3 m) tubing	5/Case
PLP2020	10 ft. (3 m) tubing	20/Case
PLP2505	15 ft. (4.6 m) tubing	5/Case
PLP2520	15 ft. (4.6 m) tubing	20/Case

#### References

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