

PREFACE

Purpose and Scope

This field manual provides basic preventive, protective, and diagnostic information on laser injuries. The treatment procedures described herein are for use by combat medics, battalion aid station personnel, and other medical treatment facilities without an Ophthalmologist. Also, an evaluation matrix is provided for use by combat lifesavers and combat medics. Once an individual has been diagnosed as having a severe laser injury, causing loss of vision, he will be prepared for evacuation to a medical treatment facility where he can receive specialized care for his injury.

Neutral Language Statement

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