

ICCB-L Screening Facility Laser Safety

Some instruments at ICCB-Longwood have lasers. All are class 1 laser products. These include:

- o IntelliCyt iQue ScreenerPLUS, class 1 laser product
- o Molecular Devices IXM-C and IXM-C LZR, class 1 laser product
- Perkin Elmer EnVision 2, class 1 laser product
- o ttp Acumen ex3, class 1 laser product

All lasers are dangerous.

Class 3 and class 4 lasers are very DANGEROUS.

Exposure to class 3 and 4 laser light can:

- Burn skin
- Permanently damage the eye

Read all warning labels and do not remove labels.

All of the instruments mentioned above operate in a fully enclosed chamber that will not allow laser light to escape under normal working conditions. Only trained, manufacturer-provided service engineers can open these chambers. Instruments are not available to users during service visits.

In the event that an instrument must be opened, most panel openings are equipped with Safety Interlocks that will automatically disable the laser in case they are opened. If the IXM-C LZR needs to be opened, you must TURN OFF the laser (turn key to 'off' position) prior to opening the instrument.

DO NOT disable the safety interlocks.

While it is never an area of the IXM-C LZR that users will access, please be aware there is no safety interlock when opening the top panel to access the imaging chamber from above. There is a large warning label on the instrument to indicate this. This access point is only for Molecular Devices service engineers. DO NOT OPEN THIS PANEL.

DO NOT leave reflective objects in the beam's path

If you encounter any error message when operating IXM-C LZR, take a picture and contact the ICCB-L screening room team prior to proceeding.

If you have any questions about the use of any of these instruments following your training, please contact the ICCB-L screening room team prior to proceeding.

The screening room team can be contacted via their email: iccb_screen@hms.harvard.edu
