

All in one version of gamma probe



Gamma probe system

A gamma probe is a handheld device used for intraoperative use following interstitial injection of a radionuclide, to locate regional lymph nodes by their radioactivity. It is used primarily for sentinel lymph node mapping and parathyroid surgery. Radionuclides which uses usually are Tc-99m, I-131 & F-18. Gamma probes can also be used in open surgery, laparoscopy and theroscopy (inside the body), and can be used externally (outside the body). Most use of gamma probes is in Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy (SLNB) and Radio-Guided Occult Lesion Localization (ROLL). But these systems can be used in all cases where the detection of small points with high activity distribution, high sensitivity and resolution is desired.

General description

Due to high prevalence of breast cancer in females, there are annually lots of breast surgical operations for removal of malignant tumors. However, failure in discovery and removal of cancerous lymph nodes will lead to metastasis of cancer in the patient. Currently, there are some methods with different degrees of accuracy, cost, and ease to detect sentinel nodes.

Amongst all of them, the most common and the most favorite device for surgeons is "Gamma Probe" providing an easy-to-use small hand-held tool with the capability of detection and localization of sentinel lymph nodes not only in breast cancer but also for some masculine types of cancers where detection of sentinel nodes is mandatory. We developed such a gamma probe system in two models: GammaPen and SURGEOGUIDE II.

Clinical applications:

• Breast cancer

• Gynecological cancers (cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal and vulvar)

• Melanoma and other types of skin tumors

• Head & Neck

• Urology cancers (prostate, bladder, testicular, kidney and penile)

• Endocrine cancers (thyroid, parathyroid)

• Nuclear Medicine (localization of gamma labeled areas)

NEMA-NU3 standard test results:

• Sensitivity: ~3K cps/MBq @ 3 cm

• Shielding Efficiency: 99.6 % for Tc-99m

• Energy Resolution: <11% FWHM for Tc-99m

Angular resolution: between 65° to 85°

 Local Resolution: <40 mm FWHM at 5 cm distance (For Large Probe)

GammaPen Specifications:

• Length: 22 cm

• Two type of tips: Small and large

• Tip Diameter: 14 mm (Large), 11 mm (Small)

Tungsten Collimator

• Crystal: CsI (TI)

• Weight: 170 gr

• Adequate dimension

• No disturbing cables

• Recharge able battery

User-Friendly

• Isotope selection option

· Digital display

· Sound modulated with count rate



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