

Information Regarding Direct Supervision of Licensed Electrologist Who Are Qualified to Provide Laser and Hair Removal Services

This statement serves to clarify and dispel any rumors there may be concerning the requirement for the direct supervision of qualified electrologist to perform laser hair removal and reduction. The rule currently requires a physician licensed under Chapter 458 or 459 to provide direct supervision of an electrologist certified to perform laser hair removal or reduction. This rule has been in place since the rule's creation on September 12, 2001.

Electrology Rule 64B8-56.002(2)(d), F.A.C.: *Are operating under the direct supervision and responsibility of a physician properly trained in hair removal and licensed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 458 or 459, F.S.*

The Board of Medicine, which regulates the Electrolysis Council, defines direct supervision as follows:

Board of Medicine Rule 64B8-2.001(1)(a), Definitions, F.A.C.: *“Direct supervision” shall require the physical presence of the supervising licensee on the premises so that the supervising licensee is reasonably available as needed. When this term is used in probationary terms of a Final Order, it requires that the licensee practice medicine if the approved supervisor is on the premises.*

The Board of Medicine has interpreted this to require the supervising physician to be on the premises when laser hair removal is performed. The Electrolysis Council staff is unable to interpret Florida law and rule so we provide the information above for your review.

Board of Medicine Statute 458.348(3), Protocols Requiring Direct Supervision, F.S.: *All protocols relating to electrolysis or electrology using laser or light-based hair removal or reduction by persons other than physicians licensed under this chapter or chapter 459 shall require the person performing such service to be appropriately trained and work only under the direct supervision and responsibility of a physician licensed under this chapter or chapter 459.*

You may stay up-to-date with the above rules and statutes at the following links:

Rule 64B8-56.002, F.A.C. <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?ID=64B8-56.002>

Rule 64B8-2.001, F.A.C. <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?ID=64B8-2.001>

Statute 458.348, F.S.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0458/SEC348.HTM&Title=-%3e2005-%3eCh00458-%3eSection%20348#0458.348

The electrolysis council has recently proposed new language for rule 64B8-56.002(2)(d), F.A.C. You may review the previous minutes as well as future meet minutes regarding this new language at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/electrolysis/eo_minutes.html.