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UV Smart D45

Why the D45 Uses Mercury Lamps Over LEDs for Optimal Disinfection



What is the difference?

When it comes to UV-C high-level disinfection (HLD) of medical devices, choosing the right light source is crucial. While both mercury lamps and LED lights are popular options, mercury lamps stand out for their superior effectiveness in healthcare settings.

Disinfection efficiency	Mercury lamps High efficiency: 30–40% of the energy turned into UV-C light ^{1,2,3}	UV-C LEDs Moderate efficiency: 3–6% of the energy tuned into UV-C light increasing disinfection times ^{1,2,3,4}
Wavelength range	Narrow, targeted UV-C range. Very effective in killing organisms ^{1,2}	Broad wavelength range. 20% of total radiation emitted is UV-B, which is less effective in killing organisms. ^{1,2,3}
Maintenance	Simpler to replace and maintain	May require complex maintenance procedures ³
SSSS Heat production	Minimal heat production	Significant heat, requiring cooling structures ^{2,3}
Cost	Lower costs due to decades of development ¹	More expensive due to early-stage development ¹

Conclusion

Mercury lamps offer superior disinfection benefits in healthcare settings. By utilizing this technology, the D45 enhances patient care, safety, and sustainability, while reducing costs.

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