**Gas suppliers for VR surgery**

RCOphth is working with the Royal College of Anaesthetists to prevent further incidents of sight loss due to nitrous oxide use in patients with gas-filled eyes.

We hope that it will be mandatory for gas suppliers to provide a warning card or bracelet for all patients treated with their products.

In order to get an idea of the costs involved, it would be very helpful to have a complete list of suppliers of intraocular gases, and whether or not they already provide any kind of bracelet or warning card.

If you know of any gas supplier that we have not listed, please add them to the list, and indicate whether or not they supply bracelets or warning cards.

If you don’t have anything to add to the table, please ignore this. If you can supply any additional information, please update the table and return to [m.hingorani@nhs.net](mailto:m.hingorani@nhs.net) with the subject header “intraocular gases”

Many thanks for your help.

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| **Supplier** | **SF6** | **C2F6** | **C3F8** | **Bracelet or card?** |
| BOC |  |  |  | Unknown |
| Alchimia | X | X | X | No (intended for multidose) |
| Arcad (Arceole) | X | X | X | Bracelet, but flimsy and comes off in shower |
| Alcon (Ispan) | X |  | X | Unknown |
| Fluoron (Easygas) | X | X | X | Unknown |
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