

Leica FL400 Invisible Becomes Visible

Living up to Life



Pioneering Fluorescence Innovation

The development of fluorescence microscopy has a long tradition at Leica Microsystems, dating back to the beginning of the 20th century. An important contribution to biological research, fluorescence science now integrates with the technology of the surgical microscope to provide state-of-the-art oncological fluorescence.

The Leica FL400 enables fluorescence guided tumor resection. In addition to the visible white light image, the Leica FL400 provides the surgeon with information from fluorescence imaging and the infrared spectrum, previously not visible to the human eye. The ability to view fluorescence images intraoperatively through the microscope's eyepieces during surgery can benefit surgical outcomes.

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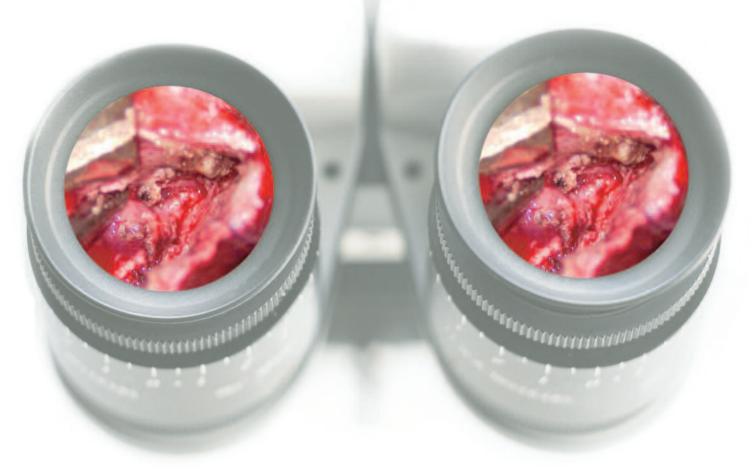


Photo Dynamic Imaging (PDI) during surgery combines a tumorselective photosensitizer, excitation light of an appropriate wavelength, and a well-adjusted observation spectrum. Leica Microsystems provides the ideal combination of filters and crisp, clear optics to provide good orientation in the resection area. The vital tumor shines with red sensitizer fluorescence in good contrast to normal tissue under blue light illumination.

Observation modes

Changing observation modes is easy. To switch from white light mode to fluorescence mode and back requires only the click of a button on the handle or the foot pedal. The Leica CAN bus controls the type of illumination, the observation filters for different fluorescence applications, and an optional mode-controlled video camera specifically aligned for fluorescence.

View: White light mode

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0.8 eye sensitivity spectrum
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400 500 600 700 λ/nm

5-ALA Spectras

IntenseBlue™

Using two light sources (Leica M525) or a high efficient 400W light source (Leica M720), the Leica FL400 offers the best excitation and bright fluorescence of the protoporpherin. Furthermore, the system supports the surgeon with longer resection cycles in the blue light mode, without the eyestrain of frequent changes to white light.

The PDI Application

Surgeons familiar with Photo Dynamic Imaging (PDI) comment that it is very easy to use. The patient orally receives the 5-ALA dissolved in water, thus placing little strain on the patient, and has almost no side effects.

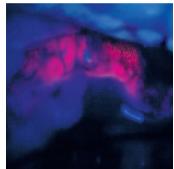
Tumor resection can be performed not only in white light mode but also in blue light mode. Blue light mode requires sufficient brightness in order to resect the residuals of the tumor, which always appear red or pink under blue light.

The Leica FL400 used for PDI reveals many new possibilities – its potential is not yet fully realized. Overall, it represents an outstanding new, straightforward method of intraoperative tumor resectioning.

Malignant glioma, white light mode



Malignant glioma, blue light mode

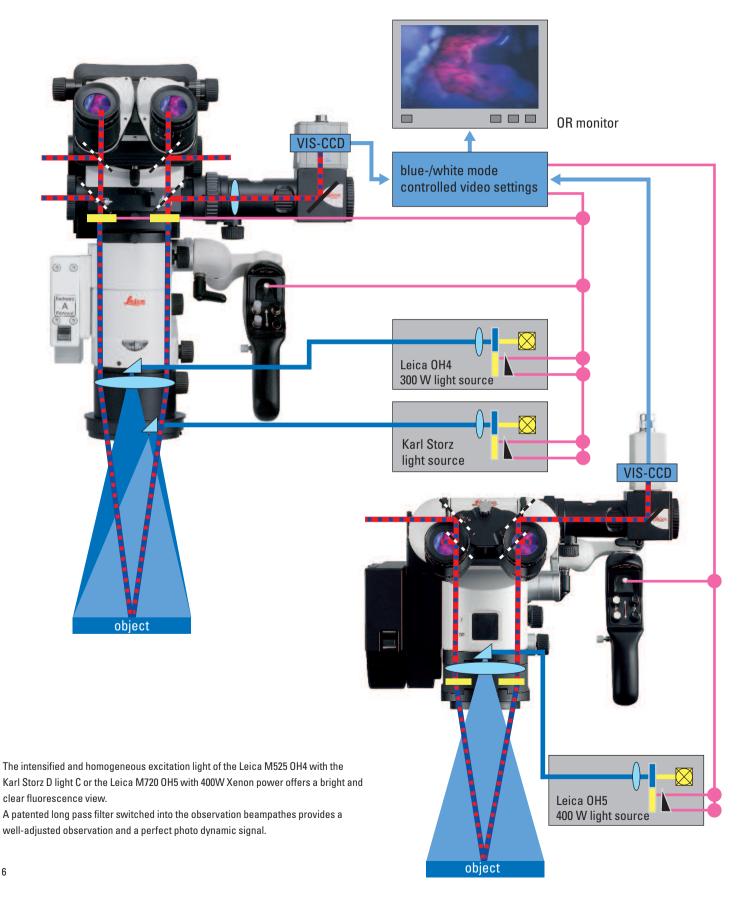


Pictures taken with Leica FL400



5-ALA Operation

The Leica FL400 System



The Best Possible Image

The fluorescence technique

The Leica M720 OH5 and Leica M525 OH4 can be easily upgraded to use blue light fluorescence. The illumination systems, the observation filters and an optional blue mode-optimized video camera interact automatically with a simple push of a button found on the pistol grip of the surgical microscope. This offers bright blue illumination and an easy and ergonomic change of the observation modes.

The Leica M720 and Leica M525 surgical microscopes

The Leica M720 OH5 and Leica M525 OH4 with integrated Leica FL400 5-ALA fluorescence module offer the easiest movement, best ergonomics and highest quality optics of any surgical microscope on the market today. Leica's premium OptiChrome™ Optics provides outstanding contrast, sharpness, resolution and color fidelity. The "light touch" maneuverability of the Leica floorstands OH5 and OH4 give the surgeon the perfect blend of stability and ease-of-use for microsurgical procedure.



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The Leica Microsystems Medical Division's focus is to partner with and support surgeons and their care of patients with the highest-quality, most innovative surgical microscope technology today and into the future.

The statement by Ernst Leitz in 1907, "with the user, for the user," describes the fruitful collaboration with end users and driving force of innovation at Leica Microsystems. We have developed five brand values to live up to this tradition: Pioneering, High-end Quality, Team Spirit, Dedication to Science, and Continuous Improvement. For us, living up to these values means: Living up to Life.

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