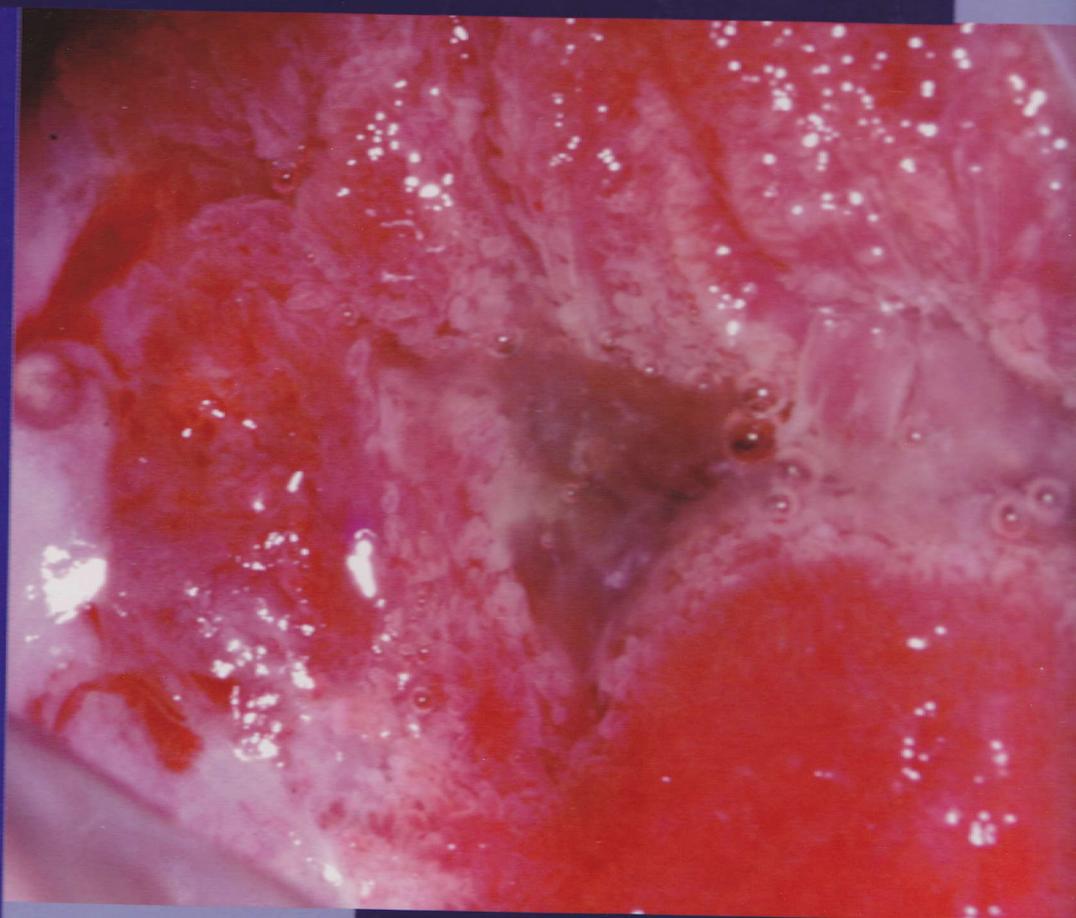
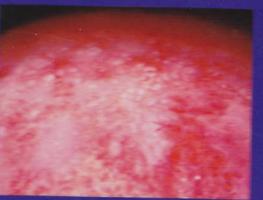
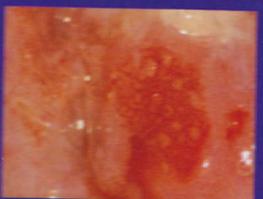


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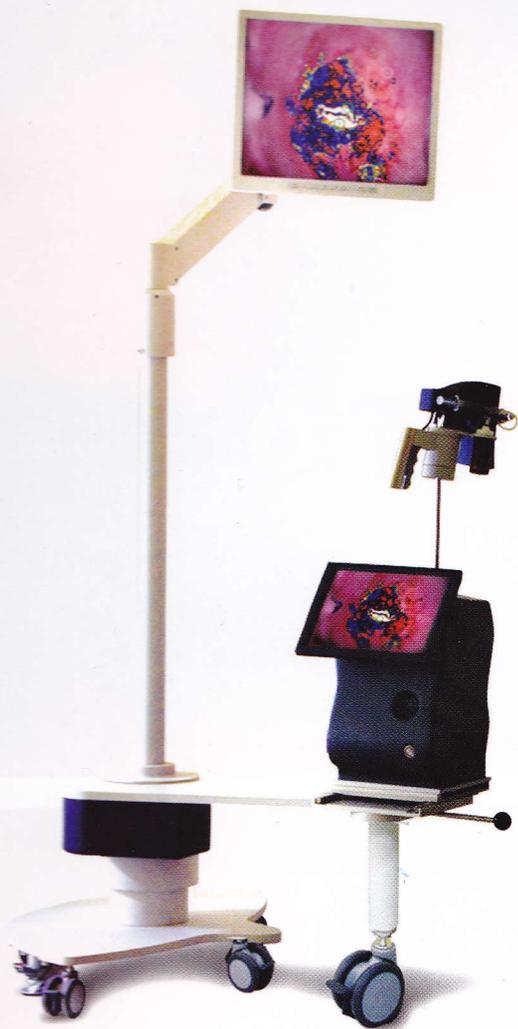
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## NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR IMPROVING COLPOSCOPY

### Dynamic Spectral Imaging (DSI)

Professor Costas Balas and coworkers have noted a correlation between the dynamic scattering characteristics of the acetowhite (AW) effect and the structural and functional characteristics of the cervical epithelium.<sup>14</sup> This correlation enables the *in vivo* assessment of the epithelium noninvasively, objectively, and with instant results. They have developed an instrument (DySIS) that utilizes the dynamic spectral imaging (DSI) for detecting CIN and guiding biopsies (Figs 21.6 to 21.9). The DySIS device provides high definition magnified imaging of the cervix and quantitative assessment and mapping of the AW effect, both contributing to the improvement of the diagnostic accuracy of colposcopy. The pseudocolor map is generated by DySIS on the basis of the measurement of the diffuse reflectance vs. time curves in millions of image pixels. Modeling and parametric analysis of these curves result in quantitative AW indices per image pixel. The spatial



**Figure 21.6:** The DySIS device. Photograph reproduced with kind permission of Prof C Balas, Greece

tribution of different parameter value-ranges is color-coded using the pseudocolor map. Red, and yellow/white pseudocolors are DySIS indicators for the presence of high-grade neoplasia in corresponding tissue areas. Soutter and coworkers have found DySIS more sensitive than colposcopy for detecting high-grade lesions.<sup>15</sup> As the results are user-independent, it is suitable for use by nursing personnel.

### 21.7A Cervical Imaging System

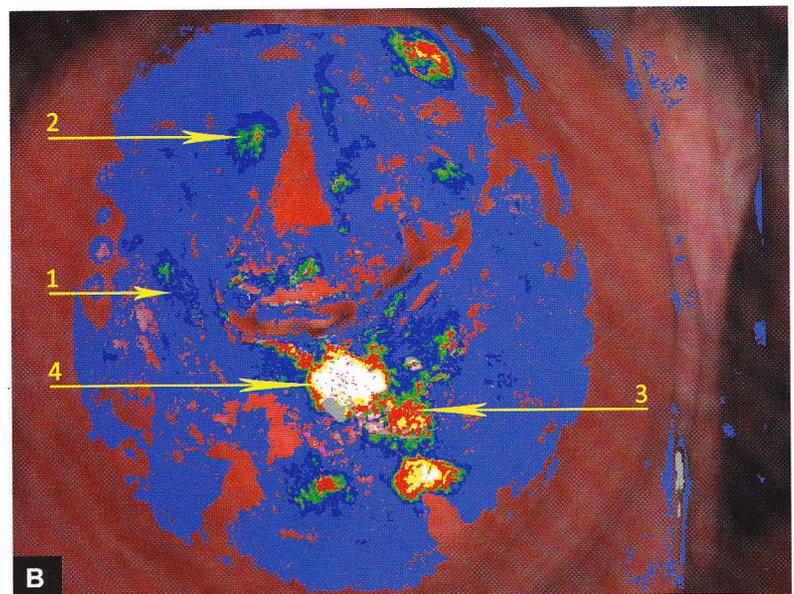
This device utilizes the properties of fluorescence, reflectance and spectroscopy intrinsic to tissues. It has been approved by US FDA in March 2006 to enhance the sensitivity of colposcopic examinations in women with abnormal Pap smears. Two prospective randomized controlled trials have shown it to result in a > 25% increase in true positive rate of colposcopy in patients with ASCUS or LSIL with only a 4 percent increase in false-positive rate when compared with colposcopy alone.<sup>16</sup>

### 21.10A Impedance Probe (Electrical Impedance Probe)

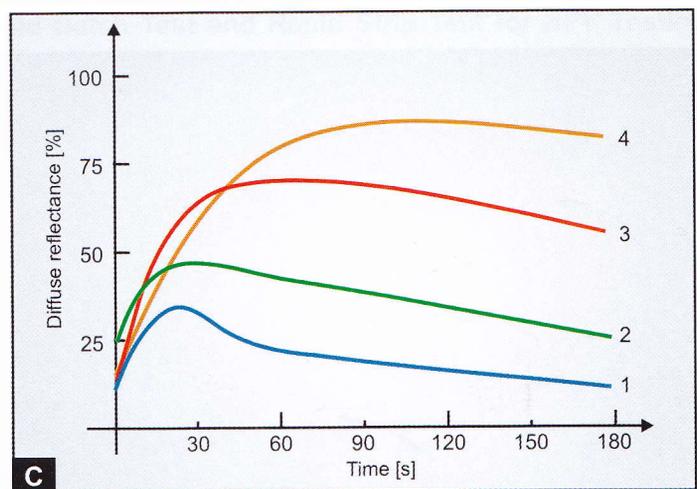
This is a pencil type probe used to record impedance spectra from multiple points on the cervix before and after application of 5% acetic acid (Figs 21.10A and B). Impedance measurements are recorded and provide a tissue diagnosis in realtime (instant results). The device has the potential to be used as an adjunct to colposcopy for the



**A**



**B**



**C**

**Figures 21.7A to C:** (A) The image of a cervix with a biopsy confirmed high grade neoplasia; (B) the pseudocolor map generated by DySIS for the same cervix, overlaid on it; (C) the map has been generated on the basis of the measurement of the diffuse reflectance vs. time curves in millions of image pixels. Modeling and parametric analysis of these curves result in quantitative acetowhite indices per image pixel. The spatial distribution of different parameter value-ranges is color-coded forming the pseudocolor map (B). Red, and yellow/white pseudocolors are DySIS indicators for the presence of high grade neoplasia in the corresponding tissue areas. Photographs reproduced with kind permission of Prof C Balas, Greece