



Position Statement Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists Administering Sedation

When sedation is determined to be necessary to obtain an adequate electroneurodiagnostic study that meets technical recording standards, the healthcare facility's policy and procedure protocols will be followed. Anesthesiologists, nursing or anesthesia personnel with appropriate qualifications must be present before, during and after the procedure to evaluate patient status and assure patient safety because:

- 1) Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists are not specifically trained to perform the clinical/physical evaluations that are necessary when sedation medications are used.
- 2) Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists are not specifically trained nor authorized by governing agencies to administer such medications.
- 3) It is not appropriate or practical that the person performing the END procedure be responsible for evaluating and monitoring vital signs.
- 4) Electroneurodiagnostic Technologists are not specifically trained nor authorized to be the primary person responsible to provide "rescue" procedures in the event of complications related to the sedation process or medication.

In compliance with *JCAHO-Standards for Additional Special Procedures*.

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