



Utilization of Professional Credentials

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It is universally acceptable to utilize professional credentials after an individual's name. Professional credentials for electroneurodiagnostic technologists are awarded for successful completion of national board examinations. If the examination process has both a written and an oral exam, both exams must be completed before the credentials may be used.

The authorized* professional credentials for electroneurodiagnostic technologists include:

- CLTM[®] for a certificate in long term monitoring
- CNIM[®] for a certificate in neurophysiologic intraoperative monitoring
- R. EEG T.[®] for registry in electroencephalography
- R. EEG/EP T. to indicate credentials in both EEG and evoked potentials
- R. EP T.[®] for registry in evoked potentials
- R.NCS.T. for registry in nerve conduction studies
- CPSGTSM for certification as a polysomnographic technician
- RPSGTTM for registry in polysomnography

** Authorized refers to 1) the correct letters and punctuation for the credentials, and 2) the holder of the credential can be verified by the credentialing or examination body/organization.*

It is not acceptable to use initials or an abbreviation after an individual's name to designate a job title or function, such as EEGT for an EEG tech, EPT for an evoked potential tech, ORT for neurophysiologic intraoperative monitoring, and so on. These abbreviations are confusing, improper, and may be interpreted as a deliberate attempt to imply that the technologist has professional credentials.

The professional credentials in EEG, evoked potentials, clinical neurophysiologic intraoperative monitoring, and long term monitoring are awarded by the American Board of Registration of EEG and EP Technologists, Inc. (ABRET[®]). The American Association of Electrodiagnostic Technologists (AAET) awards professional credentials for nerve conduction studies. The professional credentials in polysomnography are awarded by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT).

If a technologist intentionally uses R. EEG T., R. EP T., CNIM, CLTM, R.NCS.T., CPSGT, or RPSGT credentials without successful completion of the national board examinations, disciplinary actions can be taken by the credentialing body. One of the credentialing organizations publishes that disciplinary action could include barring the technologist from taking future registry exams.

For more information on the examinations for neurophysiologic intraoperative monitoring, long term monitoring, EEG, and evoked potential studies, contact Janice Walbert, R. EEG/EP T., Executive Director, American Board of Registration of EEG and EP Technologists, 2509 West Iles, Suite 102, Springfield, IL 62704; ph 217-726-7980; fax 217-726-7989; email abreteo@att.net; website www.abret.org.

For more information on the nerve conduction credentials, contact American Association of Electrodiagnostic Technologists, PO Box 6823, Mobile, AL 36606; ph 877-333-2238; fax same; email aaet@aaet.info; website www.aaet.info.

For more information on exams for polysomnography credentials, contact John Ganoe, CAE, Executive Director, Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists, 8400 Westpark Drive, Second Floor, McLean, VA 22102; ph 703-610-9020; fax 703-610-0229, email info@brpt.org; website www.brpt.org.