Accreditation of Clinical Neurophysiology Supervisors

ANZAN and the Neurology ATC require advanced trainees to have Clinical Neurophysiology Supervisors for core (level 1) training, as well as for optional advanced (level 2 and 3) training. (Appendix)

Under the new guidelines recently approved by the RACP Advanced Training Committee in Neurology and ANZAN Council, supervisors in clinical neurophysiology should have specific training and expertise in their field, acknowledged by ANZAN accreditation (as per RACP supervisor requirements) based on documentation of training or credentialing approved by the EEG and Clinical Neurophysiology Committee (EEGCNC) of ANZAN.

The minimum requirement for supervision of Level 1 (core) training in EEG and EMG is completion of ANZAN Level 2 training or its equivalent in the field to be supervised. This requires at least 6 months full-time supervised subspecialty training (or its equivalent part-time) in EEG or EMG; or combined training with 6 months in each.

The minimum requirement for supervision of optional Level 2 or Level 3 training in EEG and EMG is at least the Level being supervised (Level 2 for Level 2; Level 3 for Level 3). EEG and Clinical Neurophysiology labs offering level 2 and level 3 training should have a primary supervisor with at least 1 year of subspecialty training. (Level 3)

We hope this will not be an onerous task but in order to update our records and for us to provide you with ANZAN credentialing we ask that all Clinical Neurophysiology supervisors, current and prospective, send a copy of their curriculum vitae together with documentation of the requisite advanced subspecialty training in the relevant area (EEG, EMG or both) to ANZAN, anzan@anzan.org.au, for consideration by the EEGCNC. Please indicate in the email if you wish to be credentialed for Level 2 or Level 3.

This documentation may comprise:

- Documentation of training and experience in the relevant clinical neurophysiology subspecialty meeting the requirements of ANZAN Level 2 or Level 3 in the relevant subspecialty area/s.
- Equivalent neurophysiology credentialing in the relevant subspecialty area/s, such as USA (specific Neurology Board credentialing), Canada (Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation/Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists credentialing) and the UK (certification of completion of relevant clinical neurophysiology training).

Where no documents exist, a simple description of past training and supervision will be accepted and considered by the committee.

Neurologists who are not supervisors may also choose to provide documentation of their previous subspecialty training in EEG, EMG or both for approval by the EEGCNC if they wish

to obtain written ANZAN confirmation of competency attained according to the current guidelines for Levels 2 & 3.

***Please note: We recognize there may be advanced training sites where there are insufficient EEG or EMG supervisors at present with Level 2 expertise. Where this is the case, a grace period until 2020 to meet requirements for Level 1 supervision is permitted. It is expected that by then all training sites will have either Level 2 credentialed EMG/EEG supervisors in place or will have arranged for Level 1 neurophysiology training to be conducted at another institution with the expected level of supervision.**

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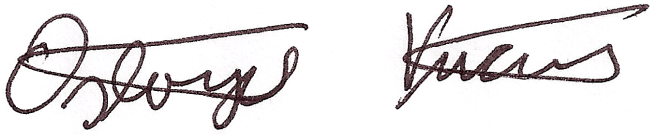

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Appendix: Training in EEG & Clinical Neurophysiology

Training in EEG & Clinical Neurophysiology is divided into 3 levels of competency.

Level 1 training in EEG and EMG is an essential part of Advanced Training in Neurology for all trainees in Adult and Paediatic & Child Neurology, and must be satisfactorily completed by all trainees to be eligible for Fellowship of the RACP. It is solely designed to equip the trainee with the skills and knowledge required to appropriately request studies and interpret reports as an informed consumer. It is NOT regarded as sufficient training for a neurologist to perform or report EEG or EMG in clinical practice.

Level 2 or Level 3 training is seen as the prerequisite for those neurologists who wish to perform electrophysiological investigations in clinical practice. These higher levels of training are optional and are administered by the ANZAN EEG & Clinical Neurophysiology Committee.
There is NO requirement that all trainees complete this during their advanced training. It can be achieved by additional supervised training either in parallel or after the FRACP is awarded.

> **Level 2 training** is for neurologists who wish to perform clinical neurophysiology (EMG, EEG or both) in clinical practice. It requires at least 6 months full-time supervised training (or its equivalent part-time) to develop adequate basic skills in clinical neurophysiology (EEG or EMG; or dual training with 6 months in each).
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> **Level 3 training** is for neurologists who wish to specialise in clinical neurophysiology (EMG, EEG or both) and aims to provide the knowledge and experience necessary to establish and supervise a laboratory service in a teaching hospital or academic institution. This is similar to a fellowship for comprehensive subspecialty training in other specialties. At least 12 months full-time supervised training (or its equivalent part-time) is required to allow progression into a subspecialty practice, research or teaching career in clinical neurophysiology (EEG or EMG; or dual training with 12 months in each).