ASET Position Statement

Utilization of Professional Credentials

It is universally acceptable to utilize professional credentials after an individual’s name. Professional credentials for Neurodiagnostic Technologists are awarded for successful completion of national board examinations. If the examination process has more than one written exam, both exams must be completed before the credentials may be used.

The authorized* professional credentials for Neurodiagnostic Technologists include:

- CAP® for certification for autonomic professionals
- CLTM® for certification in long term monitoring
- CMEG® for a certificate for magnetoencephalography
- CNIM® for certification 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
  - CNCT for certification as a nerve conduction technologist
- RPSGT™ for registry in polysomnography
  - CPSGT for certification as a polysomnographic technician
- CCSH™ for certification in clinical sleep health
- RST for registry for sleep technology

* 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 forth. 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, autonomic function testing, magnetoencephalography, and long term monitoring are awarded by ABRET Neurodiagnostic Credentialing and Accreditation. The American Association of Electrodiagnostic Technologists (AAET) awards a professional credential in nerve conduction studies as does the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine (ABEM). The professional credentials in polysomnography and clinical sleep health are awarded by the
Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT). The professional credential in sleep technology is awarded by the America Board of Sleep Medicine (ABSM).

If a technologist intentionally uses CAP, CLTM, CMEG, R. EEG T., R. EP T., R.NCS.T., CNCT, RPSGT, CPSGT, CCSH, or RST 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 autonomic function testing, EEG, EP, IONM, LTM, or MEG contact ABRET Neurodiagnostic Credentialing and Accreditation, 2908 Greenbriar, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704; ph 217-726-7980; fax 217-726-7989; email abreteo@att.net; website www.abret.org.

For more information on the R.NCS.T. nerve conduction credential, contact the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Technologists, PO Box 2770, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406; ph 877.333.2238; email aaet@aaet.info; website www.aaet.info.

For more information on the CNCT nerve conduction credential, contact the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, 2621 Superior Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901; ph 507.288.0100; fax 507.288.1225; email abem@abemexam.org; website www.abemexam.org.

For more information on exams for polysomnography and clinical sleep health credentials, contact the 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.

For more information on the exam for sleep technology, contact the American Board of Sleep Medicine, 2510 North Frontage Road, Darien, IL 60561; ph 630-737-9700; fax 630-737-9790; email absm@absm.org; website http://www.absm.org/.

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