

QUALIFICATIONS OF PHYSIATRISTS TO PERFORM ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC STUDIES

POSITION STATEMENT

It is the position of the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM [formerly AAEM]) that the electrodiagnostic medicine consultant should be a physician who has had special training in the diagnosis and treatment of neurological and neuromuscular diseases and in the application of particular neurophysiologic techniques to the study of these disorders. **This type of training is generally included in the residency or fellowship programs of physicians who specialize in physical medicine and rehabilitation (physiatrists) or neurology (neurologists).** This position is explained in more detail in the AANEM position statement, *Who is Qualified to Practice Electrodiagnostic Medicine?*

Electrodiagnostic studies are performed by physicians (generally neurologists or physiatrists) within the scope of an electrodiagnostic medicine consultation. The recommended educational requirements for the electrodiagnostic consultant include “a residency in neurology or physical medicine and rehabilitation . . .” For additional information, you may also refer to the AANEM’s *Recommended Educational Requirements for the Practice of Electrodiagnostic Medicine*, which provides details regarding the specialized training recommended for electrodiagnostic medicine consultants.

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