

Electrodiagnostic Laboratory Accreditation Program

*Uphold the Quality of
Electrodiagnostic
Medicine*



American Association of Neuromuscular
& Electrodiagnostic Medicine

What is electrodiagnostic laboratory accreditation?

Electrodiagnostic (EDX) Laboratory Accreditation is a voluntary, peer review process that identifies and acknowledges EDX laboratories for achieving and maintaining the highest level of quality, performance, and integrity based on professional standards developed by the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). Accreditation provides laboratories specializing in EDX medicine with a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve the quality of care provided to their patients.

Why should my laboratory seek accreditation?

The AANEM EDX Laboratory Accreditation:

- Demonstrates clinical excellence in EDX medicine
- Proves a laboratory's commitment to providing the highest quality health care and a safe environment for patients
- Provides patients, referral sources, and payers with a credible measure to differentiate the laboratory's quality of care

What types of practices can apply for accreditation?

Accreditation is available to all types and sizes of practices based in the United States, including:

- Private Practices
- Solo or Group Practices
- Academic Institutions
- Hospital Based Practices
- Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities

The AANEM will promote the accreditation process and credibility for this important field as the recognized standard.

What does the EDX laboratory accreditation program evaluate?

The standards used for accreditation evaluate the diagnostic services and clinical operations essential to providing quality patient care, including clinical staff qualifications and continuing education, the physical facilities, the EDX equipment, protocols for performing EDX studies, patient reports, and the policies in place for ensuring the health and safety of every patient.

How long is the accreditation term?

AANEM EDX Laboratory Accreditation is granted to practices for a 5-year period. The program is designed to facilitate continuous improvement through periodic reviews to ensure ongoing compliance with the accreditation standards.

Will my ABEM certification be recognized by the accreditation program?

Accreditation with exemplary status is the highest level of accreditation recognized by the AANEM. Exemplary status will be granted to laboratories where 100% of the neurologists and psychiatrists practicing in the laboratory are certified by at least one of the following boards:

- American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine;
- American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Clinical Neurophysiology or Neuromuscular Medicine; or
- American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Neuromuscular Medicine.

Academic institutions that train residents or fellows in neuromuscular and/or EDX medicine will be granted exemplary status if all core personnel have attained advanced certification.

*Program on an ongoing basis to build awareness
quality and patient care initiative
standard for EDX medicine.*

What is the accreditation process?

Step 1

Go to www.aanem.org/accreditation to submit a Request for Application form along with a \$75 payment. You will receive a customized application.

Step 2

Submit the completed application with supporting materials and pay the appropriate fee. The applicant laboratory will receive confirmation that the application was received.

Step 3

The AANEM Accreditation Committee will review the application and submit its recommendation to the AANEM Board of Directors as to whether the laboratory should be granted accreditation or provisional accreditation, or denied accreditation. The AANEM Board of Directors has final approval of all accreditation applications.

Step 4

A letter indicating the laboratory's status will be sent to the primary contact. Applicants granted accreditation will enter a 5-year cycle for reaccreditation. Laboratories granted provisional accreditation will have 6-12 months to resolve any concerns identified by the Accreditation Committee. Applicants denied accreditation may reapply in 1 year.

To learn more, visit
www.aanem.org/accreditation



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