

Academic EDX Lab Accreditation

Benefits for Academic Hospitals

- Showcase to trainees that your laboratory holds itself to national standards in the area of EDX medicine.
- Shows patients, payers, and the public that your laboratory meets the standards for quality in your field.
- Provides a way to help facilitate some QI measures and include trainees in the process.
- Displays visible support for the field of electrodiagnostic medicine.
- Helps prevent fraud & abuse by ensuring that qualified physicians are performing EMG.
- Trainees can be confident they will be trained in the standards and requirements of the AANEM.
- Encourages trainees to pursue laboratory accreditation upon graduation to keep high standards in EDX medicine in future years.
- Works in tandem with ABEM certification to show patients you are committed to maintaining quality in your area of practice.

“I’ve been using our lab accreditation as a tool for resident recruitment with positive results. If you are in academic medicine, I highly recommend you accredit your lab to demonstrate to trainees that you do quality work.”

~ Dr. McClellan, University of Missouri



Cost of Accreditation

Accreditation fee: \$1,000

(1-3 physicians)

Reaccreditation fee: \$750

Each additional physician: \$200

Satellite laboratory: \$200

Earn accreditation for a 5-year term with no additional fees charged within the term.

Accreditation Process

1. Submit online application
2. Application under review
3. Notification of any remediation tasks to complete
4. Accreditation for a 5-year term granted
5. Complete compliance reports yearly
6. Reapply at the 5-year anniversary date





What is EDX Laboratory Accreditation?

Electrodiagnostic (EDX) Laboratory Accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review process that identifies and acknowledges EDX labs for achieving and maintaining the highest level of quality, performance, and integrity based on professional standards developed by American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). Accreditation provides labs with a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve the quality of care. With Accreditation there will be:

- Fewer unnecessary treatments, including surgeries
- More reliable diagnosis
- Less need to pay for expensive retesting
- Better patient outcomes



What is Evaluated?

Diagnostic services and clinical operations essential to providing quality patient care, including clinical staff qualifications and continuing education, the physical facilities, the electrodiagnostic equipment, protocols for performing electrodiagnostic studies, patient reports, and the policies in place for ensuring the health and safety of every patient.



Key Components of Quality

By becoming accredited, the lab demonstrates it meets and will maintain:

1. Active primary board certification in neurology or physical medicine and rehabilitation
2. Active medical license in the state they are practicing
3. 100 EDX medicine consultations in each calendar year (25 consultations for pediatric physicians)
4. Meeting the 25 CME credit requirement during the 5-year accreditation period (5 CME per year)
5. Personnel, facility and patient reports as stated below



Personnel Requirements

On-site physicians must specialize in neurology or PM&R and have at least 100* studies each year and at least 3 months of EDX training. Technologists must be supervised onsite by EDX physicians, not performing needle EMGs and complete required NCS training.



Facility Requirements

Facility must meet safety standards with appropriate equipment, policies and safety procedures, as well as maintain quality improvement, record retention, and procedure manuals.

**Labs employing physicians who are unable to meet the requirement may request a waiver.*