

Hospital EDX Lab Accreditation

Benefits of Accreditation for Large Hospital Systems

- Shows patients, payers, and the public that your laboratory meets the standards for quality in your field.
- Provides a great public relations opportunity to show that your laboratory meets the specific criteria for EDX laboratory accreditation.
- Provides an opportunity to ensure patient reports and other procedures are standardized among large departments.
- Encourages QI measures among the department and ongoing conversations about how to continue to improve patient care.
- Shows visible support for the field of electrodiagnostic medicine.
- Helps prevent fraud & abuse by ensuring that qualified physicians are performing EMG.

“We’ve seen increased referrals from insurers and outside practitioners who prefer to use accredited labs, as well as recognition from practitioners about the quality provided.”

~ Dr. Naganand, Henry Ford Medical Group



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.*