



Pediatric Neurology

Medical Staff Policies & Procedures

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PURPOSE: To define the qualifications and ensure quality reading and interpretation of studies by the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital pediatric neurology staff.

SCOPE: Tests included in this policy and procedure are EEG, routine and video, and evoked potentials for all inpatient and outpatient children ages 0-21.

POLICY STATEMENT: The K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital Pediatric Neurology staff will exercise the privilege to read their own patients EEG's, routine and video, and evoked potentials, as outlined below. They may elect to defer to a designated reader based on a monthly reading schedule if they do not want to be responsible for the reading and interpretation of the studies prescribed by them.

Eligibility:

- Must be Board Certified in Pediatric Neurology (current readers commencing with this policy are exempt).
- Be a member of the medical staff of JSUMC / K.Hovnanian Children's Hospital in good standing.
- Be able and willing to read, interpret and report STAT studies within one hour of being contracted by the EEG staff.
- Have demonstrated professional behavior and the ability to work collaboratively with peers and staff
- May begin as a new member of the staff, during the Provisional period, after completing an FPPE of at least 5 proctored regular EEG's, video-EEG's or evoked potentials for each privilege (procedure) requested.

Procedure:

1. Credentialed pediatric neurologists will be notified for the purposes of reading their own ordered EEGs, routine or video, and evoked potentials.
2. Pediatric (0-21 yrs) patient EEGs that are requested by non-reading staff will be directed to the EEG reading group which is composed of members of the Department of Medicine, Section of Neurology.
3. Pediatric neurologists may participate in the reading of pediatric EEGs referred to the EEG reading group subject to the availability and eligibility outlined in the administrative policy for the EEG reading group.

Documents referenced:

1. Child Neurology Milestones- details the need for at least level 4 competency in medical knowledge of Epilepsy, EEG's, and diagnostic investigation as part of training.
2. The National Association of Epilepsy Centers Guidelines for Essential Services, Page 15-16: Personnel
3. Note: Appropriate Experience may substitute for clinical neurophysiology certification