



Policy

Levels of Accreditation

PURPOSE

The Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program (NHMSFAP) Committee is responsible for determining if a facility should be accredited and the level of accreditation. Every facility must be accredited and maintain accreditation before it can provide medical, surgical, dental or anesthesia procedures.

A facility may only provide those medical, surgical, dental and anesthesia procedures which are permitted by its accreditation and those procedures permitted within the facility may only be carried out by the registrant, dentist, oral maxillofacial surgeon or podiatric surgeon privileged to perform those procedures within the facility.

When accreditation of the facility has been granted, a certificate of accreditation will be issued by the committee stating the level of accreditation and the period for which it is valid.

This policy addresses the level of accreditation specified on a certificate of accreditation.

POLICY

Level of accreditation refers to the highest class of anesthesia procedures that a facility is permitted by its accreditation to provide. Each level of accreditation outlines all the types of anesthesia procedures that **may** be performed within that class. The types of anesthesia procedures permitted at a facility may be further restricted by what the medical staff are privileged to perform. The levels of accreditation are:

Class 1

This level of accreditation comprises the following types of anesthesia procedures:

- general anesthesia
- major regional anesthesia (e.g. epidural, spinal, retrobulbar, interscalene, femoral) including IV regional anesthesia (e.g. Bier's block)
- deep sedation by any route of administration (e.g. intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous) where the patient **does not** remain responsive and may require airway intervention
- any depth of sedation by any route of administration (e.g. intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous) using sedatives and analgesics intended for general anesthesia (e.g. propofol, etomidate)
- advanced II procedural pain management procedures requiring a Class 1 level of accreditation
- class 2 and class 3 types of anesthesia

Class 2

This level of accreditation comprises the following types of anesthesia procedures:

- minimal or moderate sedation by any route of administration (e.g. intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, oral) using sedatives and analgesics not intended for general anesthesia (e.g. benzodiazepines, opioids) **and** where the patient remains responsive and breathes without assistance
- inhaled nitrous oxide using a mixture greater than 50% nitrous oxide in oxygen with or without the use of other sedation or analgesic medication by any route, including oral and/or sublingual
- inhaled nitrous oxide using a mixture of less than or equal to 50% nitrous oxide in oxygen **with** the use of other sedation or analgesic medication by any route, include oral and/or sublingual
- class 3 types of anesthesia

Class 3

This level of accreditation comprises the following types of anesthesia procedures:

- local anesthesia, usually by injection, local infiltration or applied topically, with or without a single, oral sedative or analgesia medication in a dose appropriate for the treatment of anxiety or pain
- peripheral nerve blocks (e.g. ulnar, median or radial nerve blocks at the elbow or below, ankle block, dorsal and palmar or plantar digital)
- procedural pain management (e.g. caudal and interlaminar lumbar epidural, Advanced I and Advanced II) with the exception of Advanced II procedures requiring a class 1 level of accreditation
- Ketamine and lidocaine infusions

RESPONSIBILITIES

Role	Responsibility
Medical director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all procedures are performed only as permitted by the committee and the College Bylaws • Advise the committee if the facility intends to change its anesthesia class
NHMSFAP staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain records of the level of accreditation of each facility • Maintain records of the list of medical, surgical, dental and anesthesia procedures that may be performed at each facility
NHMSFAP Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine if a facility should be accredited and the level of accreditation • Determine the list of medical, surgical, dental and anesthesia procedures that may be performed at a facility • Issue a certificate of accreditation stating the level of accreditation and the period for which it is valid

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