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## REGENT MERIT SYSTEM

<u>Class Title</u>: Electroneurodiagnostic <u>Class Code:</u> 3302

Technician I <u>Pay Grade:</u> 410

#### **GENERAL CLASS DESCRIPTION:**

Under general supervision, selects, modifies and maintains electronic equipment while providing medical patient care, testing and instruction. Performs electroneurodiagnostic tests for patients exhibiting a variety of physical and mental states, exercising judgment and initiative. Serves on a regular, stand-by and on-call basis.

### **CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Analyzes and modifies complex AC waveforms and selects electrical circuits while performing electrophysiological tests using instruments, computers and signal averaging equipment. Electroneurodiagnostic testing to be conducted includes:
  - a) Stimulating patients to produce, analyze and record data from the central and peripheral nervous system.
  - b) Performing evoked responses in the operating room and intensive care units.
  - c) Assessing depth of anesthesia and monitoring patients in coma.
  - d) Monitoring and recording EEGs in the Epilepsy Service long-term care unit.
  - e) Conducting patient evaluation in physiological polysomnography.
  - f) Preparing surgery patients, and equipment, for and during carotid endarterectomy, electrocorticography and other neurosurgical, orthopaedic and otolaryngologic procedures.
  - g) Performing studies to determine and verify cerebral death.
  - h) Performing EEG recordings in all patient care settings.

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2. Analyzes and measures voltages, frequency, duration and polarity of electrical field distribution to determine the source of electrical potentials.

- 3. Ensures electrical, chemical and physical safety of patients, staff, students and equipment.
- 4. Provides testing information to patients, public, staff and students and provides results to physicians.
- 5. Solicits patient medical histories by interview; evaluates and documents patient's clinical condition and mental status during testing procedures.
- 6. Communicates with medical faculty, physicians and surgeons using specific scientific medical terminology.
- 7. Troubleshoots, calibrates and corrects instruments using impedance meter and voltohm meter to prevent interpretation errors and down time.
- 8. Supervises students as directed.
- 9. Maintains confidentiality of medical and electroneurodiagnostic records.

#### KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- 1. Knowledge of electroneurodiagnostic techniques used in peripheral and central nervous system monitoring.
- 2. Knowledge of neurological, psychiatric, pediatric, metabolic and trauma disorders.
- 3. Knowledge of neuroanatomy and its application to the understanding of the patient's condition.
- 4. Skill in operating computerized electrophysiological instrumentation requiring a knowledge base of analog-to-digital conversion.
- 5. Knowledge of maintenance requirements of specialized EEG equipment.
- 6. Knowledge of neurological and electrodiagnostic terminology, scientific notation, and general medical terminology.
- 7. Knowledge of electrical safety and interfaces with various electrical systems.
- 8. Ability to communicate with physicians, nurse, and other allied health personnel.
- 9. Ability to transport equipment weighing 350-400 lbs.

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10. Ability to visually recognize minute electroneurophysiological activity and changes, and to predict appropriate testing methods.

11. Ability to teach and instruct others.

### **MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Eligibility for registration by the American Board of Registration of EEG/EP Technologist (ABRET), Part I.
- 2. a) Satisfactory completion of a two-year degree program in electroneurodiagnostic technology; or
  - b) Combination of training and experience in a related field equaling three years.

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