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Policy Statement: Multidisciplinary Leadership in Sedation

Procedural sedation has always been a multidisciplinary field, with practitioners of different backgrounds working in diverse settings. This multi-specialty experience has fostered debate and innovation that have enhanced the field. In hospitals and other clinical settings practitioners must work together to define and enforce appropriate practice standards to ensure sedation safety.

The Committee believes that a collaborative, multidisciplinary leadership best accomplishes these tasks, usually in the form of a local sedation committee. A single individual may chair such a committee; however all sedation providers should have sufficient representation in this process such that sound, evidence-based sedation advances receive full and appropriate consideration. When unmet sedation needs are identified, the collaborative multidisciplinary leadership will assist with forming strategies for their solution.

Approval: This policy statement was provisionally approved on May 31, 2015 with a strong level of consensus, i.e., with >90% of members indicating “strong agreement”. A vote on final adoption will occur after consideration of external feedback from outside organizations as relayed through their liaisons.