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Policy Statement: Multidisciplinary Leadership in Sedation

Procedural sedation is a multidisciplinary field, with practitioners of different backgrounds working in diverse settings. This varied, multi-specialty experience stimulates debate and fosters innovation that enhances sedation practice. Practitioners must work together to define practice standards that promote sedation effectiveness and patient safety during sedation.

ICAPS 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 involved practitioners should have sufficient representation in this process such that sound, evidence-based sedation principles and advances receive full and appropriate consideration. When unmet sedation needs are identified, the collaborative multidisciplinary leadership will assist with forming strategies for their solution.

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