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Policy Statement: Defining Sedation Competencies Using Skill Sets

A vital aspect of procedural sedation quality assurance is defining the competencies and privileges appropriate for individual practitioners. The Committee believes that there is compelling evidence that healthcare professional specialty training alone is an inadequate criterion for defining competency in procedural sedation.

The Committee believes that competencies and privileges for procedural sedation are not defined solely by specialty, but rather whether the practitioner has been trained to possess specific cognitive, monitoring, and resuscitation skills to provide safe sedation. The Committee's specific itemization of these is found in our separate Policy Statement: *Minimum, Required Skill Sets for Procedural Sedation*. Practitioners may acquire and demonstrate sedation competency as part of the curricula of their specialty training programs. Alternatively, practitioners may acquire and demonstrate sedation competency through additional training and education.

Approval: This policy statement was originally approved September 17, 2016, and was updated and reaffirmed on June 1, 2021, again with a strong level of consensus.