

Safe Procedural Sedation

The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) Anaesthesia Perioperative Care Network has identified and developed MINIMUM STANDARDS

AIM:

To provide practical support for the safe administration of **non-anaesthetist administered procedural sedation** in NSW hospitals, ensuring availability of appropriate skills, training and resources. The Minimum Standards aim to:



Reduce adverse outcomes



Improve service efficiency



Improve patient experience

Standard 1

Pre Procedure

Assessment, triage & risk stratification of all patients receiving procedural sedation.



Standard 2

Intra Procedure

Presence of a dedicated clinician with appropriate skills & training (including bag-mask ventilation skills), monitoring & managing the patient's airway & circulation.



Standard 3

Post Procedure

Appropriate monitoring & application of discharge criteria.



Why safe sedation?



- + **300,000** episodes of procedural sedation are performed in NSW each year, increasing every day.
- + Significant variation of practice occurs within Local Health Districts (LHDs) and hospitals.
- + Variation in governance arrangements and oversight/support of procedural sedation practice by senior managers and anaesthetic departments.
- + Clinical Excellence Commission focus reports.
- + Adverse events leading to formal incident reports and root cause analysis.

Sedation/Anaesthesia Continuum

AWAKE

DEATH

Conscious sedation

drowsy, responds to command

Deeper sedation

responds to pain

Unconscious/GA

no response to painful stimulation

The resources on Safe Procedure Sedation can be accessed at:

www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/anaesthesia-perioperative-care/sedation/safe-sedation-resources



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