

## ENDORSED ENROLLED NURSE: SCOPE OF PRACTICE IN SEDATION PROCEDURES

*Is this activity within the current/ contemporary scope of endorsed enrolled nursing practice?*

THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR ENROLLED NURSES IS DETERMINED BY:	RATIONALE FOR ARGUMENT THAT SEDATION PROCEDURES ARE BEYOND ENROLLED NURSE SCOPE OF COMPETENCE
THE EXTENT OF EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION	<p>Sedation procedures consist of many facets including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration of intravenous S4D and in some instances S8 drugs.</li> <li>• Advanced airway management- including initiation of rescue measures</li> <li>• Clinical monitoring of a sedated patient</li> </ul> <p>These fall out of the current scope of practice of an EEN and therefore could not be addressed through educational processes</p>
THE ACUITY OF THE PERSON REQUIRING NURSING CARE	<p>The short term acuity of all persons having sedation procedures is high.</p> <p>Persons requiring sedation procedures can react in unpredictable ways to the sedative medications. There is also the possibility of synergistic reactions when sedation and analgesic medications are jointly administered, which increases the risks of over sedation.</p>
THE AMOUNT OF CLINICAL JUDGEMENT/ THE LEVEL OF TECHNICAL SKILL REQUIRED	<p>The level of technical skill required will vary from unit to unit depending on the nature of procedures undertaken therein. However the level of clinical judgement would be advanced e.g. physiologic parameters such as oxygen saturations can be normal for periods in over -sedated patients; considerable rounded assessment skills and critical thinking would be required.</p>

<p><b>THE DEGREE OF REGISTERED NURSE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p>The model of care at Central Coast hospitals varies from unit to unit. The level of supervision required for the endorsed enrolled nurse varies according to their knowledge skills and experience, and the activity that is being undertaken.</p> <p>In some units such as CCH diagnostic cardiology, during the procedure there is only one nurse present. Due to this context of care the situation requires a registered nurse.</p> <p>In some wards/ depts minor procedures may be undertaken as an emergency. In this context the acuity of the patient and the nature of the procedure will determine the level of nurse required to assist, and whether supervision of EEN is possible.</p>
<p><b>THE LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OR TERRITORY IN WHICH THE ENROLLED NURSE IS LICENSED</b></p>	<p>Current legislation does not allow EEN to administer S8 medication, which is often required during a sedation procedure</p>
<p><b>THE CLINICAL COMPETENCE OF THE ENROLLED NURSE</b></p>	<p>Clinical competencies covered in TAFE do not include advanced airway management, cardiac monitoring.</p>