

ASA/NATA Sleep Disorders Services Accreditation Advisory Committee

Summary of the 9th meeting - 19 August 2016

Opening & welcome	Welcome and introductory remarks from the Chairman
Committee Membership	<p>Prof Nick Antic has resigned from the Committee. A replacement member is currently being sought.</p> <p>Prof John Wheatley, Dr Craig Hukins and Mr Brett Duce were all reappointed to the Committee for a period of five years.</p>
Scope update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications to the NATA document <i>Categories for Sleep Disorders Services</i> were discussed, particularly around the accreditation of Type 3 & 4 devices. Low volume testing was also discussed. These changes will be shortly published. • NATA is developing a new format for presenting the Scopes of Accreditation. This will result in only a few minor changes for Sleep Services.
ASA Standard	<p>The <i>ASA Standard for Sleep Disorders Services</i> has been reviewed and the 2015 version will be shortly published.</p> <p>This Standard will be implemented from 1 January 2017.</p>
Accreditation criteria	<p>The Committee discussed the need to distinguish between 'branch' and 'satellite' services as the assessment process does not differ. Decision to remove the term 'satellite' and only use the term 'branch'. Annex A to be amended to reflect this change.</p>
Technical Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasingly seeing that the EMG masseter is used instead of EMG sub-mental. EMG sub-mental is recommended for sleep staging (as per the AASM). EMG masseter is used for the purposes of diagnosing bruxism and is not acceptable practice for routine PSG. • Demonstration by facilities that they meet the requirement for Body Protection (AS/NZS 3003:2001) of the both the patient rooms and the monitoring room have been difficult in some circumstances.
Accreditation Statistics	<p>The number of services seeking accreditation has continued to grow. The current numbers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 accredited services • nine applicant services
KPIs	<p>The AAC has been asked to develop some KPIs to determine the success of the program. Four KPIs have now been established.</p>
Next meeting	<p>The next meeting of the SDS AAC will be a teleconference, to be held early in 2017.</p>