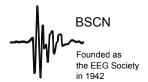
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Covid-19: Policy for Hyperventilation During EEG Recordings

The standing policy for hyperventilation during EEG for the investigation of epilepsy is given in ANS/BSCN Guidelines for Hyperventilation During EEG Recordings v1.3 of 2013.

Hyperventilation is defined as a standard ("The minimum procedure that is considered an acceptable evaluation of a clinical problem.").

Hyperventilation is a particularly high risk part of an EEG examination in terms of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from the patient to others in the room. At a meeting of the BSCN Council of 18th June 2020 it was decided that

Standard 1 of the standing policy was suspended until further notice

Standard A: Hyperventilation should only be performed in the investigation of childhood absence epilepsy, where it has the greatest benefit.

Standard B: If hyperventilation is performed, the other guidelines and standards still stand and describe how it should be performed.

Standard C: Protection of staff and others involved in the procedure must be available to ensure their safety

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