

Query:

What is a reasonable / standard number of ABR procedures (sedation or anesthesia) that you would schedule with an Audiologist in an 8 hour work day?

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Responses:

Natural sleep ABR visits - try to limit to no more than two to allow for other visit types on case load. Can do up to three. OR schedule is highly variable but typically do no more than two. Sedation unit schedule only "gives" audiology one or two slot per day.

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2 per half day

They *could* be scheduled with 3-4 but my team prefers a split day - the mental focus for a single audiologist would be somewhat overwhelming.

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We have tried 3 in one day. So much depends on the OR and whether procedures start on time. We don't schedule any other types of patients for that clinician on that day. Most people only do 1 a day but we do have some staff that love ABRs so they are willing to do more.

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Theoretically 4—but if done by one audiologist, they would be tough! When we do 2 in a half day, we have a second audiologist on stand-by in case the first audiologist is tied up with the counseling piece.

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I spoke with my inpatient team about this to get their perspective, as they do the largest number of sedated procedures.

If the only responsibility was to complete sedated ABRs all day – we feel that 4 in one day, with each being scheduled at 2 hours would be fine. If the audiologist were to have other patient care responsibilities – such as our inpatient team that managed the consults in-between sedated procedures – we stick to 2-3 procedures a day so they have time to follow-up on other consults.

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In an 8 hour work day, 4 ABRs under general anesthesia (we block 1.5 hours for each) and 2-3 natural sleep ABRs.

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We try to limit b/c cases overlap. Most will agree to 2 ABRs in the OR per day (then move on to other things like inpts or ENT/outpts). Some will do 3 if we know the kids are in the same room back to back. In an ideal world, we'd do like 4-5 (or more) back to back but that's unlikely with surgery bc the surgeons don't want to tie up the room.

We do a limited # of sedation only procedures as we try to do them unsedated when possible. We never have enough to do more than one in a day.

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2 is usually reasonable. It is possible to have 3, but because the procedures sometimes do not go on time (more likely for afternoon procedures), we would not schedule more than 2 with one audiologist.

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We typically schedule no more than 2 sedated/anesthesia ABR's per day with the same audiologist.