

## Sedation Support for ABR

### Initial Question:

- Who in your organization is the physician or advanced practice person who supervises the sedation during an ABR under sedation?
- Is it an assigned MD in your anesthesia group? An advanced practice person working with anesthesiologists? A contracted physician/provider specifically for this procedure? Someone else?

Basically, who supports your audiology team in this way?

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### ORG A

It is our **anesthesiologist** involved in the case. Sometimes our referring physicians are not on staff, so they cannot be the attending on the case. And no other physician is involved, so it just made the most sense for it to be the anesthesiologist. Thankfully, they agreed to take on this responsibility.

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### ORG B

Thank you for asking this question. I'm very interested in the response.

At ORG B we have a **sedation service** that provides audiology with 5 blocks for sedated ABR per week. They also serve other providers who perform procedures that don't require an OR. The providers are physicians with credentialing for sedation.

We are also fortunate in having a continuum of service for our patients needing ABR beyond Sedation Services.

When we schedule in our sedated block time, patients are reviewed by sedation, if they don't meet criteria for sedation service (ex. medically complex) we can schedule with general anesthesia in the OR. This is rare, less than 6/yr.

If patients are having multiple procedures we can schedule coordinated care under general anesthesia either with diagnostic imaging who has a dedicated anesthesiologist (MRI plus ABR) or the OR where the primary surgeon adds the ABR to their or procedure list.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

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### ORG C

At ORG C, there is not an assigned MD or anesthesiologist for sedated ABR.

It is for the **anesthesiologist** that is in the OR or APC that day.

Thanks!

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#### ORG D

ENT signs off on everything (as the attending) but the **Anesthesiologist is the one in the room** responsible for sedations.

We do sedated ABR in our day surgery area as well as complex cases in the OR and our attending is our medical director (ENT), ENT PA does the update to the H&P and anesthesia rotate (not sure of how they assign an anesthesiologist).

Hope this helps.

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#### ORG E

Our sedated ABR procedures are completed in the Pediatric Procedural Unit (PPU) or in the OR---depending on the patient's health status.

**ORG E Anesthesia Group medical staff oversee sedated procedures** in both the PPU & OR. The actual sedation procedures are performed by Advanced Practice Staff or by an Anesthesiologist depending on what type of sedation is necessary for any given patient.

When a sedated ABR procedure is requested, the patient's medical history is reviewed by the Anesthesia Group medical staff and the procedure is assigned to be scheduled in the PPR or OR.

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#### ORG F

We have two options for sedated testing:

1. Our ENT physicians or other specialty department will schedule a combo procedure in the OR and include our team for the ABR. The physician is listed as the servicing provider, and Anesthesia/CRNAs will monitor while under.
2. If no procedure is needed – ENT can schedule an EUA (Exam under anesthesia) in which they are the servicing provider with **Anesthesia/CRNAs monitoring while under**  
OR

We have the option to schedule the child in our **Procedure Center under sedation with Anesthesia as the servicing provider**. We work with a team of procedure center schedulers to schedule this and the center is always staffed with anesthesia attendings and/or CRNAs.

Have a wonderful day!

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#### ORG G

Here at ORG G it is an assigned MD from anesthesia.

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#### ORG H

We do ABRs in a **sedation unit** (our Gastrointestinal Procedure Unit, but the hospital set up a sedation service there). We also do ABRs in the OR under anesthesia, usually tagged onto another procedure or with an EUA by the ENT doc. Here is the info from our inpatient audiologist:

**Sedated ABRs in the GPU - we have an attending physician (these are typically physicians from the Emergency Department)** who administers the sedation & oversees the procedure. I believe the physicians who do this have additional training in administering sedation, but I'm not sure of the specifics. There is also an RN present throughout the procedure as well.

OR ABRs - overseen by anesthesia and the attending physician of the procedure with support from the nurses and surgical techs working in the room.

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#### ORG I

**We only do ABRs under anesthesia, not under sedation.** They are managed like all other surgeries in the OR. The ENT is always the surgeon, even if only performing an EUA. The anesthesia is managed by whichever team of physicians/CRNAs are assigned to that OR on that day. Hope this helps!