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Clinical Performance of IONM (Intraoperative Neuromonitoring) in the Operating Suite

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Intraoperative neuromonitoring (IONM) can bring value to the operating suite. This presentation will review the expectations from adding this additional service to your practice. The talk will address the need for quality assurance processes and tell a story of the true purpose of IONM. A review of the benefit of utilizing a multi-modality approach, common signal changes, actions following changes, resolution of neuromonitoring changes, post-operative status, confound avoidance from a technical and anesthetic standpoint, and the necessity of performing safety checklists will be addressed during this demonstration. Learn how to walk through the processes of the use of IONM and look for opportunities of internal and external improvement to ultimately improve patient outcomes.

Biography

Christina Accordino has her expertise in operational accountability for the clinical and financial management of the utilization of intra-operative neuromonitoring (IONM) during surgical procedures that may put a surgical patient's central nervous system at risk. Her passion is in providing superior patient care while meeting or exceeding clinical and quality metrics. Since 2007, she has held her Certification Examination in Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring (CNIM) through ABRET (American Board of Registration of Electroencephalographic and Evoked Potential Technologists). Her foundational skill-set includes SSEP, TceMEP, S/T-EMG, EEG, BAER, and direct cortical mapping. She feels that the use of these combined modalities supports spinal cord continuity during cranial, spine, vascular, ENT, and cardio-thoracic procedures. Her experience both in the operating room as a clinician and out, as Director of Operations for SpecialtyCare, has helped her excel in providing direction in managing complex customer, physician, employee and patient related tasks regarding the use of neurophysiological monitoring in the healthcare field.

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