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Group Discussion: Procedural sedation administered by nurses

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Question:

NSW TAG received an enquiry from a member about availability of any policies/standing orders/checklists/etc. on procedural sedation administered by nurses that other hospital/districts might have.

NSW TAG and TAGNet members were asked to provide any available documents that describe the actual process, training requirements, staffing levels, and use in an emergency.

Responses:

Three responses were received from: Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD), South East Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) and Sydney Local Health District (SLHD).

- HNELHD provided three local procedures:
 - Procedural Sedation Credentialing in Emergency Department (JHH_JHCH_BH_0248) (Please note, this outlines the credentialing for medical staff)
 - Nitrous Oxide Sedation in Emergency Department (JHH_JHCH_BH_0249)
 - Nitrous Oxide Procedural Sedation in Paediatrics (HH_JHCH_0126)
- SESLHD do not have any district protocols that allow nurses to administer procedural sedation.
- SLHD provided a Policy Directive:
 - Conscious/Procedural Sedation for Diagnostic & Therapeutic Interventions (SLHD_PD2013_013)
- The ACI also has useful [resources](#) on Safe Sedation, including [Minimum Standards](#) for Safe Procedural Sedation.

Please contact the NSW TAG if you would like to receive any of the policies, procedures and guidelines identified in this email discussion.

Responses received as at 19 June 2018

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