

What is electrodiagnostic laboratory accreditation?

Electrodiagnostic (EDX) Laboratory Accreditation is a voluntary, peer review process that identifies and acknowledges EDX laboratories for achieving and maintaining the highest level of quality, performance, and integrity based on professional standards developed by the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). Accreditation provides laboratories specializing in EDX medicine with a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve the quality of care provided to their patients.

The AANEM EDX Laboratory Accreditation:

- Demonstrates clinical excellence in EDX medicine.
- Proves a laboratory's commitment to providing the highest quality health care and a safe environment for patients
- Provides patients, referral sources, and payers with a credible measure to differentiate the laboratory's quality of care

AANEM EDX Laboratory Accreditation is granted to practices for a 5-year period. The program is designed to facilitate continuous improvement through periodic reviews to ensure ongoing compliance with the accreditation standards. Accreditation is open to all types and sizes of practices, including private practices, solo or group practices, academic institutions, hospital based practices, and independent diagnostic testing facilities.

What does the EDX laboratory accreditation program evaluate?

The standards used for accreditation evaluate the diagnostic services and clinical operations essential to providing quality patient care, including clinical staff qualifications and continuing education, the physical facilities, the EDX equipment, protocols for performing EDX studies, patient reports, and the policies in place for ensuring the health and safety of every patient.

What other certifications are recognized by the accreditation program?

Accreditation with Exemplary status is the highest level of accreditation recognized by the AANEM. Exemplary status will be granted to laboratories where the laboratory medical director is certified by at least one of the following boards: American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in Clinical Neurophysiology or Neuromuscular Medicine; or American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Neuromuscular Medicine. Academic institutions that train residents or fellows in neuromuscular and/or EDX medicine are granted Exemplary status if the laboratory medical director has attained advanced certification.

Accreditation ensures that a laboratory is dedicated to achieving the highest standards for patient care. For more information on the AANEM accreditation program, visit www.aanem.org/accreditation or email accreditation@aanem.org