Article 42.

Polysomnography Practice Act.

§ 90-721. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Article:

(1) Board. – The Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT), a member of the National Organization of Certification Associations and accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the accreditation body of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA).

(2) Direct supervision. – An act whereby a registered polysomnographic technologist who is providing supervision is present in the area where the polysomnographic procedure is being performed and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure.

(3) General supervision. – The authority and responsibility to direct the performance of activities as established by policies and procedures for safe and appropriate completion of polysomnography services whereby the physical presence of a licensed physician is not required during the performance of the polysomnographic procedure, but the licensed physician must be available for assistance, if needed.

(4) Licensed physician. – A physician licensed to practice medicine under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

(5) Medical Board. – The North Carolina Medical Board established under G.S. 90-2.

(6) Polysomnography. – The allied health specialty involving the process of attended and unattended monitoring, analysis, and recording of physiological data during sleep and wakefulness to assist in the assessment of sleep and wake disorders and other sleep disorders, syndromes, and dysfunctions that are sleep-related, manifest during sleep, or disrupt normal sleep and wake cycles and activities.

(7) Registered polysomnographic technologist. – A person who is credentialed by the Board as a "Registered Polysomnographic Technologist" (RPSGT).

(8) Student. – A person who is enrolled in a polysomnography educational program approved by the Board as an acceptable pathway to meet eligibility requirements for credentialing. (2009-434, s. 1.)