

# American Society of Anesthesiologists Advisory: Granting Privileges for Deep Sedation to Non-Anesthesiologist Sedation Practitioners

In December 2009, the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) gave the anesthesia service authority and responsibility to oversee all providers delivering all sedation/analgesia and anesthesia everywhere in the facility. To fulfill this responsibility, the American Society of Anesthesiologists created and adopted the “Advisory on Granting Privileges for Deep Sedation to Non-Anesthesiologist Sedation Practitioners” in October, 2010.

ASA believes that anesthesiologist participation in all deep sedation is the best means to achieve the safest care. However, in some US hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers non-anesthesiologist physicians can obtain privileges for deep sedation. This advisory has set high standards of education, training, performance and quality improvement for non-anesthesiologist physicians who may potentially qualify for deep sedation privileges.

The advisory can be downloaded at

*<http://www.asahq.org/For-Members/Clinical-Information/Standards-Guidelines-and-Statements.aspx>*

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