

PHYSICAL AGENT MODALITY SKILLED SERVICES GRID

SKILLED SERVICES	ELECTRICAL STIMULATION	SHORTWAVE DIATHERMY	ULTRASOUND
<p>Pre-Treatment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient tolerance of prior treatment and other subjective responses • Pre-treatment objective measures (as appropriate): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Skin assessment (always) – Pain assessment – Edema assessment – Mobility/ROM assessment – Strength assessment • E-Stim Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assessment of condition of reusable electrodes – Skin preparation – Placement of electrodes – Establishment of appropriate waveform and parameters – Establishment of proper treatment intensity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient tolerance of prior treatment and other subjective responses • Pre-treatment objective measures (as appropriate): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Skin assessment (always) – Pain assessment – Edema assessment – Mobility/ROM assessment – Strength assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient tolerance of prior treatment and other subjective responses • Pre-treatment objective measures (as appropriate): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Skin assessment (always) – Pain assessment – Edema assessment – Mobility/ROM assessment – Strength assessment
<p>During Treatment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain subjective responses from patient. Examples - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How would you rank your pain? – Describe the intensity of the stimulation – Are you comfortable? • Assessment of skin surrounding electrodes and in general treatment area (redness, blanching, sensation, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assess, adjust, and insure – – Patient is properly positioned – Patient is properly draped – Patient's vital signs are OK (taken pm) • Assessment and adjustment of e-stim intensity and/or parameter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Examples – – Pain relief: increase intensity in response to accommodation – MFAC: increase intensity in response to accommodation – PENS: decrease intensity in response to neuromuscular facilitation – Muscle tone and tissue compliance (e.g. spasticity) • Assessment and adjustment of electrodes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Are the entire surfaces of the electrodes well-adhered? – Are the electrodes well positioned to generate the desired response? – Is there proper distance between electrodes? (proximity may change with patient movement) • Assessment and adjustment of the lead wires to insure they are not under tension and are well connected to the electrodes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain subjective responses from patient. Examples - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How would you rank your pain? – How much warmth are you feeling? – Are you comfortable? • Skin assessment (redness, blanching, sensation, etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assess, adjust, and insure – – Patient is properly positioned and draped – Towel covers the treatment area (if used) – Drum positioned over the treatment area – Drum appropriate distance from skin – Others are an adequate distance from unit (patients, visitors) – Patient's vital signs OK (taken pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain subjective responses from patient. Examples - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How would you rank your pain? – How much warmth are you feeling? – Are you comfortable? • Skin assessment (redness, blanching, sensation, etc.).
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