



NEWSLETTER

If you want an EMG done right the first time, you'll want to seek out a physician or EMG lab that is accredited with exemplary status by the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM). The AANEM credentials physicians and accredits exemplary labs which are facilities utilized by physicians that have passed the AANEM board certification examination. Physicians who pass the board become ABEM certified through the AANEM and are considered experts on EMGs. Physicians and labs that have been accredited with exemplary status by the AANEM represent the highest standard of quality in electrodiagnostic medicine.

But, what about EMGs that haven't been done by a credentialed physician or lab? In the wrong hands, EMGs can be easy targets for those looking to commit fraud and abuse. Not to mention that regulations on who can do EMGs are lax and many providers may mean well, but fall short of the expertise needed to accurately perform and interpret the test.

How can you be sure that an EMG report is going to help the patient and not harm them by leading to unnecessary surgery or procedures? Simple, send it to us for review.

At A4D, EMG reviews are more than simply an assessment of quality. They are a guide to claims handling success. An EMG review can...

Help Avoid Patient Harm

Some doctors may read an EMG report and act prematurely when deciding on treatment. An ABEM certified physician is trained to analyze EMGs, draw conclusions and formulate a diagnosis and plan. This includes whether a patient should be subjected to potentially unnecessary surgery or injections based on EMG data.

Suggest a Second Opinion

In the Worker's Compensation space, our EMG expert may suggest a repeat EMG before progressing to expensive treatments. The repeat EMG should be done by an ABEM certified physician or preferably at an AANEM Accredited Electrodiagnostic Laboratory with exemplary status.

Align with an A4D MRI Review

An A4D EMG review is most powerful when combined with an A4D MRI review.

Why? Because the MRI findings as reported by a fellowship trained, sub-specialized radiologist can completely invalidate an EMG.

How? An MRI and EMG should come to the same conclusion. If an A4D MRI report says there is no pathology that would cause a radiculopathy at L3-L4, there is no valid reason for a radiculopathy to be diagnosed at L3-L4 on the EMG. If the EMG diagnoses a radiculopathy at that level despite there being no issues on an MRI, you know that the EMG has either been done by a poor-quality provider or the results were fabricated to inflate claims costs or to lead to expensive, unnecessary treatments.

[Fill out this form](#) to learn more about an EMG review from A4D.

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