



AREA	COMPETENCY	STANDARD	MEETS STANDARDS Y OR N
ELECTRICAL STIMULATION FOR DYSPHAGIA	<p>Demonstrates ability to safely, accurately and skillfully perform neuromuscular electrical stimulation.</p> <p>Competencies are based on the International Standards for Safe and effective Electrotherapy</p>	<p>A. Describes and defines fundamentals electrotherapy to professionals, patients, family members and caregivers</p> <p>B. Identifies normal and abnormal tissue response and identifies appropriate muscle group for stimulation</p> <p>C. Identifies appropriate equipment</p> <p>D. Identifies safety regulations governing use of e-stim equipment</p> <p>E. Describes principles of electrical currents</p> <p>F. Determines candidacy for e-stim and informs patient of risks, benefits and contraindications</p> <p>G. Prepares patient for treatment through skin prep, proper placement of electrodes and pt/ family education</p> <p>H. Demonstrates proper care and use of electrodes and equipment including uniformity of conductivity</p> <p>I. Modifies and manipulates parameters as needed to achieve optimal patient response at highest comfort level.</p> <p>J. Identifies passive and active response</p> <p>K. Demonstrates ability to train patient and caregivers in home use</p> <p>L. Identifies need for additional referrals to PT or MD</p> <p>M. Documents appropriately using NMES protocol and soap note</p> <p>N. Completes CEU training</p> <p>O. Demonstrates independence following supervision of treatment by skilled professional with NMES experience</p> <p>P: Completes motor and sensory threshold and performs VPA to assess for contraction on 10 clients</p>	

Therapist Name (printed and signature:) _____

Evaluator Name (printed and signature):_____

Date:_____