

NeuroTrace Study Guide

Domain: Domain II – Performing the EEG Study

Section: Event Monitoring & Emergency Response

Style: Safety-focused, protocol-driven, exam-oriented

1. Core Principles (Must Know)

Event Monitoring Is Critical

- **Event monitoring is critical for correlating EEG with clinical manifestations**
- Clinical events must be marked immediately
- Complete documentation is essential
- Event annotation guides interpretation

Patient Safety Is First Priority

- **Patient safety is first priority during emergencies**
- Know emergency response protocols
- Activate emergency response when needed
- Continue recording if it can be done safely

Key Principle

- **Event monitoring and emergency response ensure patient safety and diagnostic accuracy**
- Mark events immediately
- Activate emergency response promptly when needed

Practical Application

- Mark all clinical events
 - Document events completely
 - Know emergency protocols
 - Prioritize patient safety
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2. Event Annotation

What to Mark

- **Clinical events:** Seizures, movements, behaviors
- **State changes:** Wake to sleep, sleep to wake
- **Patient responses:** To activation procedures
- **Technical events:** Electrode problems, equipment issues

How to Mark

- **Immediately:** Mark at time of occurrence
- **Clear marking:** Use event markers/buttons
- **Description:** Note clinical description
- **Timing:** Document exact time

Documentation Requirements

- **Time:** Exact time of event
- **Clinical description:** What was observed

- **Duration:** How long it lasted
- **EEG changes:** Any EEG correlates
- **Patient response:** Recovery, post-event state

Key Rule

- **Mark events immediately and document completely**
 - Do not wait until end of study
 - Complete documentation is essential
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3. Clinical Event Types

Seizures

- **Generalized tonic-clonic:** Convulsive, loss of consciousness
- **Absence:** Staring, unresponsiveness
- **Focal:** Localized symptoms, may have awareness
- **Myoclonic:** Brief jerks
- **Atonic:** Drop attacks

Non-Seizure Events

- **Movement:** Patient repositioning, restlessness
- **Behavioral:** Confusion, agitation
- **Respiratory:** Breathing changes, apnea
- **Cardiac:** Palpitations, changes in heart rate

Key Rule

- **Mark all clinical events, not just seizures**
 - Complete documentation helps interpretation
 - Clinical correlation is essential
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4. Emergency Response

When to Activate

- **Status epilepticus:** Seizure >5 minutes or continuous
- **Cardiac arrest:** No pulse, unresponsive
- **Respiratory distress:** Severe breathing problems
- **Anaphylaxis:** Allergic reaction with breathing difficulty
- **Any life-threatening emergency**

How to Activate

- **Follow facility protocol:** Code Blue, emergency button
- **Notify medical team:** Immediately
- **Continue recording:** If it can be done safely
- **Document:** All actions taken

Key Rule

- **Activate emergency response immediately for life-threatening situations**
 - Do not delay
 - Patient safety is first priority
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5. Seizure Response

During Seizure

- **Ensure patient safety:** Protect head, prevent injury
- **Do NOT place objects in mouth:** Critical safety rule
- **Time the seizure:** Duration is important
- **Maintain airway:** If possible
- **Continue recording:** If it can be done safely

After Seizure

- **Position patient:** Recovery position (on side)
- **Check breathing and pulse:** Assess condition
- **Monitor patient:** Continue observation
- **Document:** Seizure characteristics, duration, recovery

Key Rule

- **Patient safety first, then recording**
 - Never place objects in mouth during seizure
 - Continue recording if safe
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6. Status Epilepticus

Recognition

- **Generalized tonic-clonic:** >5 minutes duration
- **Nonconvulsive:** Continuous seizure activity on EEG
- **Multiple seizures:** Without return to baseline
- **Medical emergency:** Requires immediate intervention

Response

- **Activate emergency response:** Immediately
- **Notify physician:** Immediately
- **Ensure patient safety:** First priority
- **Continue recording:** If it can be done safely

Key Rule

- **Status epilepticus is a medical emergency**
 - Activate emergency response immediately
 - Do not wait
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7. Documentation of Events

Required Information

- **Time:** Exact time of event
- **Clinical description:** What was observed
- **Duration:** How long it lasted
- **EEG changes:** Any EEG correlates
- **Patient response:** Recovery, post-event state
- **Actions taken:** Emergency response, notifications

Key Rule

- **Complete documentation is essential**
 - Document all events and responses
 - Include timing and clinical details
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8. Exam Readiness Checklist

Use this checklist to verify your understanding:

- ☐ Know what events to mark (seizures, movements, state changes)
 - ☐ Understand how to mark events (immediately, clearly)
 - ☐ Know documentation requirements (time, description, duration, EEG changes)
 - ☐ Understand when to activate emergency response
 - ☐ Know seizure response protocol (safety first, never place objects in mouth)
 - ☐ Can recognize status epilepticus (>5 minutes, continuous activity)
 - ☐ Understand emergency activation procedures
 - ☐ Know when to continue vs stop recording during emergencies
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9. Internal Cross-Links

Workflow

- **Patient Safety:** Safety protocols
- **Recording Procedures:** Event monitoring in workflow

Cases

- **Emergency scenarios:** Cases involving emergencies
- **Seizure response cases:** Cases involving seizure management

Quizzes

- **Event monitoring MCQs:** Questions on event annotation
 - **Emergency response questions:** Questions on protocols
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Study Tips

1. **Memorize event annotation requirements:** Time, description, duration, EEG changes
 2. **Know emergency activation:** When and how to activate
 3. **Understand seizure response:** Safety first, never place objects in mouth
 4. **Learn status epilepticus recognition:** >5 minutes or continuous
 5. **Practice documentation:** Complete and accurate
 6. **Know facility protocols:** Emergency response procedures
 7. **ABRET focus:** Expect questions on event annotation, emergency response, seizure management, and documentation
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End of Study Guide

For additional practice, complete quiz questions tagged: event-monitoring, annotation, emergency-response, seizure-response, status-epilepticus