Frequently Asked Questions

Do you feel that the quality of EEG is important? Are adult facilities or general hospitals equipped to perform EEG on children?

If the child can remain still, an adult facility may be fine. However, if the child has other comorbidities, such as autism, a children’s hospital may be better equipped to provide an accurate EEG.

Should it always be a sleep-deprived EEG?

It doesn’t always have to be a sleep-deprived EEG, unless you believe that a seizure occurred during sleep. If you believe the seizure occurred during sleep, when they were drowsy, or they had a very focal seizure, sleep deprived would be helpful.

Has Sudden Unexplained Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) increased in recent years compared to 30-40 years ago?

The numbers have likely increased; however, this may be due reporting bias or a lack of awareness around SUDEP as a cause of death. It used to be thought that only adults could be affected by SUDEP, but now research demonstrates that children can also be affected.