



## Clinical Services Patient Education

### **Who is MPOWERHealth?**

MPOWERHealth is one of the fastest-growing clinical providers of intraoperative services in the country. Our IOM and Surgical Assist Teams of MPOWERHealth are staffed by highly trained providers dedicated to providing excellent quality services for all episodes of care we are involved.

### **What are Intraoperative Monitoring (IOM) and Surgical Assist Services? Why are they Important?**

IOM is the application of various tests that reduce the patient's risk of negative outcomes such as paralysis or stroke, by detecting neurological changes in the patient as they occur. The advanced detection of such medical complications allows your surgical team to act swiftly, to reverse or decrease the impact of potentially devastating neurological disabilities. Our Surgical Assists are intimately involved with your surgery from pre-operative evaluation to exposure and wound closure. Our involvement in your surgery has proven to decrease intraoperative complications and overall surgical time.

### **What is the Role of Clinical Services on the Day of Your Surgery?**

Prior to your surgery, our clinicians will meet with you in your pre-operative room to perform a brief clinical assessment, obtain written consents for surgery, and prepare you for the operating room.

*IOM:* Once you are in the operating room and under anesthesia, electrodes are placed at specific points on your body to allow for monitoring of your neurophysiologic function throughout the surgery. Typically, electrodes are attached to your wrists, ankles, head, and specific muscle groups associated with your surgery. The monitoring information received from the electrodes allows your technician to immediately alert the surgeon if any significant changes. This information then allows the surgeon to initiate appropriate intervention strategies, if necessary. In addition, your interpreting physician will observe your data in real time, which lends additional expertise to your surgeon for an intervention and maximizes the chances of a favorable outcome.

*SA:* The Surgical Assist will consult with the physician on approach and techniques of the procedure. Once a patient is in the room and under anesthesia, they will assist with (including, but not limited to) setup of the procedure, patient positioning, prepping of the operative site, assist the surgeon through procedural steps as directed, closure of the incision, and application of any dressings or splints as needed.

### **Who Requests MPOWERHealth to Be Part of the Surgical Team?**

Your surgeon has requested that an MPOWERHealth Clinician(s) be present in the operating room to either perform IOM or Surgical Assist services.

### **What are the Risks of Neuromonitoring?**

The risks of IOM are minimal, but there is a rare chance of bruising and/or infection from the electrodes. Please see patient consent form for full list of risks. These services do not eliminate the risks of surgery. You should discuss full the risks of surgery with your physician.



### **Who Pays for Clinical Services?**

In most cases, your insurance carrier will pay for the costs associated with our services. This amount depends on your specific carrier and insurance plan. However, our goal is to assist you in obtaining complete coverage for costs related to our services.

For billing questions, please contact Patient Billing toll-free at 877-835-1339 ext. 1986.

Please feel free to contact the MPOWERHealth Corporate office at 855-598-2800.

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