



# Issue Response

OREGON HEALTH LICENSING AGENCY

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## Polysomnography

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On August 10, 2012, the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (Agency) received the following question regarding licensure requirements for scoring sleep studies from Margaret Lavoie.

### **Issue #1**

Do individuals who only score sleep studies have to be licensed polysomnographic technologists?

### **Answer #1**

Yes, unless exempt from licensure under ORS 688.805.

Under ORS 688.803, unlicensed persons are not permitted to practice polysomnography unless the person is exempt from licensure under ORS 688.805. Polysomnography is defined under ORS 688.600 and includes “[a]nalyzing data for the purpose of assisting a physician who diagnoses and treats disorders relating to sleep” in ORS 688.800(2)(c).” Scoring sleep studies fits within this definition as it an analysis of data for purposes assisting a physician who diagnoses and treats disorders relating to sleep. So, unless exempt under ORS 688.805, a person scoring sleep studies must be licensed to do so.

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