

Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring

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[Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring](#) (IONM) or intraoperative [neuromonitoring](#) is the use of electrophysiological methods to monitor the functional integrity of certain neural structures (e.g., nerves, spinal cord, and parts of the brain) during surgery. The purpose of IONM is to reduce the risk to the patient of iatrogenic damage to the nervous system, and/or to provide functional guidance to the surgeon and anesthesiologist.

Indications

see [Intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring indications](#).

Anesthesia

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Checklist

see [Vitale checklist](#)

Modalities

Intraoperative neuromonitoring encompasses a variety of different modalities in which different neuropathways are monitored either continuously or at defined time points throughout a neurosurgical procedure. Surgical morbidity can be mitigated with careful patient selection and thoughtful implementation of the appropriate neuromonitoring modalities through the identification of eloquent areas or early detection of iatrogenic pathway disruption ¹⁾.

Evoked potentials:

Somatosensory evoked potentials (SSEP)

Motor evoked potential (MEP)

Brainstem auditory evoked potentials (BAEP)

Visual evoked potentials (VEP)

Electroencephalography (EEG)

Electromyography (EMG) .

Spontaneous-EMG.

Triggered electromyography.

see [Intraoperative stimulation mapping](#):

[Direct cortical stimulation](#)

Case series

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Special Topic Issue

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