

## **Rationale for the Disseminated Local Model**

The CSCN EEG examination board appreciates and recognizes the importance of certification to the career advancement of candidates.

Given this year's extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances, the board has elected to adopt a "disseminated local model" of examination to substitute for a traditional centralized model in order to avoid cancelling the examination altogether.

This disseminated local model aims to bring the examination closer to the candidate by opening six "miniature" testing sites in order to minimize travel and reduce gathering sizes wherever possible.

The nature of a modified EEG examination is complex, however, requiring both actively proctored and choreographed written pen-and-paper, and digital components. These components require familiarity and expertise with software, information technology, and on-the-ground logistics which demand that a CSCN EEG board member be available and present on-site at their local site. To facilitate turnaround times, examination marking will also occur on-site by these same examiners.

At the same time, many board members are deeply invested in the education, training, and overall well-being of their candidates. In order to ensure academic integrity, there is no choice but to assign candidates to the next closest testing site where conflicts of interest are minimized.

The board appreciates the challenges faced by candidates travelling during these uncertain times, having offered numerous prior opportunities for examination deferral and refund over the course of 2020. To all those who have opted to continue forward this year, we wish you a smooth (and relatively short) journey with very best of luck on this year's modified examination.