STATEMENT ON GRANTING PRIVILEGES TO NONANESTHESIOLOGIST PRACTITIONERS FOR PERSONALLY ADMINISTERING DEEP SEDATION OR SUPERVISING DEEP SEDATION BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT ANESTHESIA PROFESSIONALS

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Because of the significant risk that patients who receive deep sedation may enter a state of general anesthesia, privileges to administer deep sedation should be granted only to practitioners who are qualified to administer general anesthesia or to appropriately supervised anesthesia professionals.