

## **Monitoring morbidity/mortality during and after sedation**

Sedation practice today is experiencing evolutionary and revolutionary changes.

One of them is a re-evaluation of what is defined as an adverse event during procedural sedation and analgesia.

For us as sedation practitioners this is extremely important as patient safety is of critical importance importance for us.

During the last few years the International Task Force ([www.InternationalSedationTaskForce.com](http://www.InternationalSedationTaskForce.com)) has tried to come up with suggestions regarding adverse events during sedation.

The International Sedation Task Force (ISTF) is a committee of the World Society of Intravenous Anaesthesia (WorldSiva), which is a member of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists.

The ISTF identifies certain “sedation questions/controversies” and try to come up with scientific/acceptable answers to those questions. One of them is the problem/meaning/definition of adverse events during sedation.

The ISTF put together an internet-based tool for reporting adverse events during sedation. This tool can be accessed at, [www.aesedationreporting.com/site/Register.aspx](http://www.aesedationreporting.com/site/Register.aspx)

### **At AESedationReporting.com the sedation practitioner will find**

- Standardized definitions of Adverse Events
- Secure, password protected access
- Flexible utility- log in for every sedation case
- Free of charge use
- A means of collecting, and tracking the registrant’s own sedation data
- A means of contributing to a global repository of sedation outcome to benefit knowledge on safety and outcomes.

Sedation solutions is committed to safe sedation practice and would like to urge our readers to support the International Sedation Task Force with this endeavor in getting more information on morbidity and mortality related to sedation practice. The safety and satisfaction of our patients are of paramount importance for us.

Log onto the website, register and fill in your adverse events.

Participation in this exercise could be a useful medico-legal support structure. All sedation guidelines stress the importance of keeping a logbook. This data collecting system is a very useful, and internationally accepted, logbook.