

# Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists (CSCN) EEG Examination READING LIST\*

## INTRODUCTION

This reading list was prepared by the Chief Examiner with input from other experienced CSCN EEG examiners. The list was prepared to assist candidates in their preparation for the CSCN EEG examination. This list is not intended to be all inclusive and a quick perusal will reveal overlap (or duplication) of some topics. Some individuals will undoubtedly prefer one publication, textbook, or EEG atlas compared to another that covers the same or similar material. It is not the intention of the Examination Board to promote (or exclude) specific references and the following are put forward only as potentially useful sources of information. You may wish to use this reading list in conjunction with the CSCN EEG Examination Board "Outline of Content" topics document.

## EEG STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

(Note: Candidates are strongly encouraged to review the published guidelines listed below).

### TEXTBOOKS

- Tyner FS, Knott Jr, Mayer WB. Fundamental of EEG Technology. Volume 1. Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins. 1983.
  - **Comment:** *An excellent "general" EEG technology text BUT NOT useful for important DIGITAL EEG technical aspects (see other references, below)*

### Review Papers and Selected Book Chapters

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**EEG ATLASES**

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