



**Sleep Disorders Services
Accreditation Advisory Committee**

Summary of the 13th Meeting - 6 December 2019
Venue: The Park Royal Hotel, Melbourne Airport

Opening & welcome	Welcome and introductory remarks from the Chair
Committee Member & Reports	<p>2019 ASA sleep conference well attended and no specific issues were raised.</p> <p>It was noted that a number of laboratories who were accredited under the original ASA accreditation program had not sought accreditation under the NATA/ASA program. This may be an issue if these facilities are recognised as specialist training site for sleep physicians as accreditation is a pre-requisite for recognition.</p>
Stakeholder engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the upcoming changes to the Medicare provisions and the introduction of a tiered system there is potential to interact more with the private health insurers. • NATA to explore placing a piece on the NATA/ASA accreditation program in the ASA newsletter. <p>Post meeting note: This has been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NATA has had ongoing discussions with the Sleep Health Foundation regarding the certification of CPAP equipment and code of practice. This will potentially be enacted in the first or second quarter of 2019. The product will not be NATA branded. <p>Post meeting note: The HSF have decided not to progress this at this time.</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDS AAC to liaise with the Specialist Training Committee of the AMA (or RACP) to see if they are aware some labs on their list of specialty teaching services may not be accredited. • NATA to consider greater representation at the ASA Sleep conference - Sleep down under in 2020.
Next meeting	The next meeting is planned for December 2020.