



## Introduction to Position Papers

Over the years, The National Academy of Neuropsychology has been asked to provide input on a variety of matters at the state and federal levels, and our organization is at the point of needing to have some of its positions formalized. As President of The Academy for 1999, I charged the Policy and Planning Committee with the development of the first in a series of official position papers. We attempted to prioritize from among a list of topics based upon inquiries from members, with the goal of getting several of these completed and endorsed by the Board of Directors during 1999.

Through many hours of careful thought and crafting on the part of the Committee, and with input from the Board of Directors, we now have the first three position papers concerning clinical matters completed. These deal with the use of technicians, the issue of third party observation during neuropsychological evaluations, and test security. I am very pleased to present the following papers in the *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, and I particularly want to thank the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, Dr. Jeffrey Barth and Dr. Neil Pliskin, for their tireless efforts in bringing these to fruition.

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