

ASSESSMENT AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

Description: *The following document outlines HVE Healthcare Assessments' policy regarding Audio & Video Recording of assessments.*

HVE Healthcare Assessments *does not* permit the audio or video recording of assessments. Upon request and as per each assessor's discretion, a chaperone and translator is permitted.

It is HVE Healthcare Assessments' position that the following issues require clarification from Ontario's Professional Colleges and legal community prior to any amendment to our Audio & Video Recording Policy:

- An individual's right to privacy
- An assessor's right to privacy
- An individual cultural issues and sensitivity
- Editing and storage of the assessment Audio & Video Recording
- Copying of the assessment Audio & Video Recording
- Secondary effects of Audio & Video Recording of an assessment on the assessor and the individual being assessed
- Misappropriation and misinterpretation of raw Audio & Video Recordings

*COTO (**College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario**) has informed their members that it is acceptable to decline to proceed with an assessment if the Occupational Therapist (O.T.) feels that the video taping of the session has the potential to adversely affect the assessment, i.e. the O.T. or the claimant is anxious about being taped or the O.T. feels it will affect the assessment process. The decision to allow the taping of a session is based on the therapist's judgment and their comfort with such a process.*

*In addition, CSME (**Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators**) position in that videotaping of an assessment is generally undesirable and unnecessary and creates significant potential to invalidate the evaluation process. If you require a full copy of the Guidelines for Electronic Recording of Independent Expert Examinations (IEEs) they can be requested by contacting HVE Healthcare Assessments.*