## SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

# NCS Electrode (NM-31)

**NM-318Y** 

### General

The NM-318Y NCS electrode is a disposable electrode for EMG recording (as a reference and the ground). This electrode can be used together with a hypodermic needle electrode. This electrode can also be used for electric stimulation.

## Safety Information

A warning alerts the user to the possible injury or death associated with the use or misuse of the instrument.
A caution alerts the user to possible injury or problems with the instrument associated with its use or misuse such as instrument malfunction, instrument failure, damage to the instrument, or damage to other property.

Pay attention to all safety information in the Operator's Manual or Installation Guide.

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Never use the electrode in the presence of any flammable anesthetic gas or high concentration oxygen atmosphere. Failure to follow this warning may cause explosion or fire.

#### \land WARNING

Do not use the electrode with the MRI device. Failure to follow this instruction may cause skin burn on the patient.

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Before defibrillation, remove everything including electrodes and patches from the patient's chest. If the defibrillator paddle contacts an object on the patient's chest, the discharged energy may be insufficient and cause skin burn.

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When the electrode is used with an electrosurgical unit (ESU), refer to the ESU manual. The patient may get skin burn.

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This electrode is single use only. Do not reuse it.

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Connect the DIN connetor only to the specified instrument or electrode junction box. Failure to follow this warning may result in electrical shock to the patient.

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Do not use electrodes which are past the expiration date.

#### **▲** CAUTION

This electrode is for EMG recording and cannot be used for ECG monitoring.

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Do not attach the electrode on a wound or inflamed skin. Redness or irritation may be appears.

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Do not alter the shape of electrodes. EMG might not be recorded.

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Do not sterilize this electrode. If the electrode is sterilized, correct measurement cannot be performed.

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Do not use this electrode for a neonate or low birth weight infant.

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For the following patients and skin sites, the electrode may cause redness and skin erosion and occasionally result in scar.

- Patients with weak skin (patients with allergy)
- Delicate or weak skin

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Connect the DIN connector to the correct socket on the instrument, electrode junction box or extension cord. Otherwise, correct measurement cannot be performed.

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Do not get liquid on the electrode. If the electrode is wet, it may cause incorrect measurement.

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Take extreme care to prevent the patient from swallowing the electrode. The electrode is chemically harmless to people but the adhesive gel on the NCS electrode is highly expansive. If the electrode is swallowed, the adhesive gel absorbs gastric juice and swells several to several dozen times in size and stays in the stomach. Swelling adhesive gel in stomach will cause the patient to vomit and be unable to eat and drink. After removing the electrode, check there is no adhesive gel left on the patient.

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If the adhesive gel is swallowed, see a physician immediately.

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If a noise appears, refer to the EP/EMG measuring systems operator's manual.

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When using the electrode for stimulation, refer to EP/EMG measuring systems operator's manual.

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When using the electrode for stimulation, redness may appear.

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Use the electrodes as soon as possible after opening the package. Store the rest of the electrodes by folding the top of the package twice and sealing it with tape to prevent the electrodes from drying.

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Black spots may appear on the silver surface of the electrode. These are caused by variation in the Ag and AgCl coating thickness and have no effect on the quality or performance of the electrode.

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When removing the electrode from the patient, remove it carefully and slowly from the edge.

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When using remover to remove adhesive gel from the patient's skin, refer to the remover operator's manual.

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Dispose of Nihon Kohden products according to your local laws and your facility's guidelines for waste disposal. Otherwise, it may affect the environment. If there is a possibility that the product may have been contaminated with infection, dispose of it as medical waste according to your local laws and your facility's guidelines for medical waste. Otherwise, it may cause infection.

This Safety and Performance Information is an extract from the general and safety information sections of the most recent edition of Operator's Manual or Installation Guide. Therefore, the contents of your Operator's Manual or Installation Guide may differ from those of this Safety and Performance Information. For detailed operating procedures, follow the instructions of your Operator's Manual or Installation Guide.

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