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IAC Changes Division Names, Streamlines Accreditation Process

FEBRUARY 2012 | Resulting from the culmination of extensive research of the needs of facilities seeking accreditation, the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) has renamed its six individual accrediting divisions and implemented multiple enhancements to streamline the process.

Sharing a common mission — improving health care through accreditation — the IAC offers multi-modality accreditation in six areas, now designated as

- **IAC Vascular Testing**
Previously the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL)
- **IAC Echocardiography**
Previously the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL)
- **IAC Nuclear/PET**
Previously the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories (ICANL)
- **IAC MRI**
Previously the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Magnetic Resonance Laboratories (ICAMRL)
- **IAC CT**
Previously the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Computed Tomography Laboratories (ICACTL)
- **IAC Carotid Stenting**
Previously the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Carotid Stenting Facilities (ICACSF)

“The new IAC brand is much more than a name and logo change; it represents an evolved process to better meet the needs of our clients,” said Sandra Katanick, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of the IAC. “Last fall, we conducted a broad study designed to give the thousands who participate in the process a voice in the future of accreditation. We asked what works well today ... and what they would like to see evolved. We learned that our customers truly value the IAC’s high quality standards, the broad range of specialties and high level of expertise and our friendly, collaborative staff. We also learned there is opportunity for improvement across the accreditation industry; the process often seems more time-consuming and frustrating than it should be. Based on our findings, the IAC is launching accreditation evolved – new programs and services to make the process better and more rewarding!”

While maintaining its high standards focused on quality patient care, the IAC now offers program enhancements aimed at providing a better accreditation experience for participating facilities. Examples of the streamlined process that have been implemented or will be implemented in 2012 include integration of a comment period for new standards; live help as part of the Online Accreditation application; accreditation checklists for each modality; consistently formatted *Standards* allowing facilities to easily navigate the format for each type of accreditation (i.e., Vascular Testing, Echocardiography, Nuclear/PET, MRI, CT and Carotid Stenting); electronic upload capability (including case studies), through a PACS system; research designed to validate the benefits and value of accreditation; and for accredited facilities, direct access to tools for promoting their accreditation and commitment to quality.

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“This is just the beginning,” Katanick said. “The IAC’s Board of Directors and staff are committed to continuing to streamline the process to provide participating facilities with an accreditation process that allows them the freedom to focus on what matters most – providing stellar patient care to patients.”

To date, the IAC accrediting bodies have granted accreditation to more than 10,000 sites throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. IAC accreditation is widely respected within the medical community, as illustrated by the support of more than [30 national medical societies](#). Varying per modality, IAC accreditation is required in some states and regions by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and by numerous private insurers. However, patients should remain vigilant in making sure that their imaging procedures are performed within accredited facilities, because for some it remains a voluntary process.

To learn more about the IAC accreditation programs, visit www.intersocietal.org. It features a brand new [video](#) entitled “The New Face of the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission,” which outlines the IAC’s approach in continuing to evolve and offering a process that is streamlined, rewarding, leading and inclusive.

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