

## IAC Releases 2012 Standards and Guidelines for Echocardiography Accreditation

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**AUGUST 15, 2012** | The Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) is pleased to announce the official release of the *2012 IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation* and the *2012 IAC Standards and Guidelines for Pediatric Echocardiography Accreditation*. In continuing our efforts to further evolve the accreditation process, these newly formatted *Standards* provide enhanced clarity and are now consistently formatted across the IAC modalities (Vascular Testing, Echocardiography, Nuclear/PET, MRI and CT).

Download the *Standards* at [www.intersocietal.org/echo/main/echo\\_standards.htm](http://www.intersocietal.org/echo/main/echo_standards.htm)>>

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Beginning in May 2012, participating facilities were given a voice in the accreditation process with the implementation of the 60-day comment period for proposed standard changes. Submitted comments were evaluated by the IAC Echocardiography Board of Directors and taken into consideration prior to publishing the final version of the new *Standards*.

Content changes made to the *Standards* are highlighted in the new version available on the website as well as in the current version of the Online Accreditation application. The *2012 IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation* and the *2012 IAC Standards and Guidelines for Pediatric Echocardiography Accreditation* become effective January 1, 2013. Applications submitted after January 1, 2013 must be in compliance with the new *Standards*.