

IAC Releases Updates to Adult Echocardiography Standards

NEW STANDARDS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

JUNE 8, 2016 | As an accreditation organization, IAC Echocardiography is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the echocardiography community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided. The [IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation](#) are the most important component of that commitment. Composed by physicians and sonographers from the [IAC sponsoring organizations](#), the Standards are reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors and revised as needed.

As a component of the accreditation process, the IAC Echocardiography Board of Directors preliminarily approved the proposed Standards which were posted to the IAC Echocardiography website for a 60-day public comment period from April 1 to June 1, 2016. Following careful review and consideration of the comments received, the Board of Directors voted final approval of the Standards.

Access the Standards

View the new IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation on the IAC Echocardiography website:

Download: [The IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation](#)

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for Adult Echocardiography

Key modifications or additions are shown in the current *Standards* in highlighting and include:

- Medical Director Required Training and Experience (Applicable Standard 1.1.1A)
- Medical Director Ongoing Practice Experience Requirements (Applicable Standard 1.1.2A)
- Medical Director CME Requirements (Applicable Standard 1.1.4A)
- Medical Staff Required Training and Experience (Applicable Standard 1.3.1A)
- Medical Staff Ongoing Practice Experience Requirements (Applicable Standard 1.3.2A)
- Medical Staff CME Requirements - Comment (Applicable Standard 1.3.4A)
- Technical Staff Required Training and Experience (Applicable Standard 1.4.1.2A)
- Quality Improvement Measures (Applicable Standard 2.1C)
- QI Measures – Test Appropriateness (Applicable Standard 2.1.1C)
- QI Measures – Technical Quality Review (Sonographer Performance Variability) (Applicable Standard 2.1.2.2C)
- QI Measures – Interpretive Quality Review (Physician Performance Variability) (Applicable Standard 2.1.3.1C)
- QI Measures – Final Report Completeness and Timeliness (Applicable Standard 2.1.4.1C)

Standards that are highlighted are content changes that were made as part of the June 8, 2016 revision. These *Standards* will become effective on January 1, 2017. Facilities applying for accreditation after January 1, 2017 revision must comply with these new highlighted *Standards*.