

## IAC ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY RELEASES UPDATES TO ADULT STANDARDS

JULY 1, 2014 | 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, once approved by the IAC Echocardiography Board of Directors, proposed *Standards* are posted to the IAC Echocardiography website for a 60-day public comment period. *Standards* that are affected by the most recent public comment period (March 5, 2014 to May 5, 2014) are included in this published version.

### ACCESS THE STANDARDS

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

### KEY REVISIONS TO THE IAC STANDARDS FOR ADULT ECHO

The majority of changes are a clarification or explanation of the previous *Standards*, however, in some instances, the requirements have been modified. Key modifications are shown in the current *Standards* in highlighting and include:

- Personnel and Supervision - Technical Director & Technical Staff Required Training and Experience (*Applicable Standards 1.2.1.1Aii and 1.4.1.1Aii*)
- Personnel and Supervision - Technical Director & Technical Staff CME Requirements (*Applicable Standards 1.2.3A and 1.4.3A*)
- Examination Interpretation and Reports (*Applicable Standards 3.2.2A and 3.2.3A*)
- Patient and Facility Safety Guidelines (*Applicable Standard 4.1A*)

**Standards that are highlighted become effective July 1, 2014.** Applications submitted after July 1, 2014 must be in compliance with the new *Standards*.