IAC RELEASES UPDATES TO ADULT ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY STANDARDS - NEW STANDARDS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 3, 2016

AUGUST 2015 | 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 15 to June 15, 2015. Following careful review and consideration of the comments received, the Board of Directors voted final approval of the Standards.

Access the Standards

Download: The IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation.

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for Adult Echocardiography

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

- **Medical Director Required Training and Experience** *(Applicable Standard 1.1.1.3A)* – This Standard revision includes a change to the Medical Director training and experience pathway. To read background on this revision, please visit intersocietal.org/echo/main/pathway.htm
- **Technical Staff** *(Applicable Standard 1.4A)*
- **Quality Improvement Program** *(Applicable Standard 1.1C)*
- **Quality Improvement Oversight** *(Applicable Standard 1.2C)*
- **Quality Improvement Measures** *(Applicable Standards 2.1C, 2.1.1C, 2.1.2C, 2.1.3C, 2.1.4C, 2.1.5.1C)*
- **Quality Improvement Meetings** *(Applicable Standards 3.1.1C, 3.1.2C)*
- **Quality Improvement Documentation** *(Applicable Standard 4.1C)*

Standards that are highlighted are content changes that were made as part of the August 3, 2015 revision. These Standards will become effective on February 3, 2016. Facilities applying for accreditation after February 3, 2016 must comply with these new highlighted Standards.

Coming Soon … Resources to Assist with the New Quality Improvement (QI) Standards

To better assist facilities with implementing these new Standards, the IAC will make available the following resources:

- Sample QI Policy
- Sample QI Meeting Minutes [Now Available!]
- Sample QI Assessment
- QI Self-Assessment Tool: A tool to be used for the evaluation and documentation of QI that will be accessed through a link in the IAC Online Accreditation application system.