

IAC RELEASES UPDATES TO PEDIATRIC 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 Pediatric 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, 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 Pediatric Echocardiography Accreditation»](#)

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for Pediatric Echocardiography

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

- **Technical Staff** (*Applicable Standard 1.4A*)
- **Focused Pediatric TEE** (*Applicable Standard 2.9B*)
- **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*)
- **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 On-line Accreditation application system. The tool will be available by January 1, 2016.