

IAC RELEASES UPDATES TO STANDARDS - NEW QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2016; ALL OTHER CHANGES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

SEPTEMBER 2015 | As an accreditation organization, IAC MRI is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the MRI community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided. The [IAC Standards and Guidelines for MRI Accreditation](#) are the most important component of that commitment. Composed by physicians, physicists and technologists 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 MRI Board of Directors preliminarily approved the proposed *Standards* which were posted to the IAC MRI website for a 60-day public comment period from May 5 to July 5, 2015. 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 MRI Accreditation* on the IAC MRI website:

Download: [The IAC Standards and Guidelines for MRI Accreditation»](#)

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for MRI (Effective September 1, 2015)

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

- **Medical Director and Medical Staff Required Training and Experience - Neuroimaging Subspecialty** (*Applicable Standards 1.1.1.4A, 1.3.1.4A*)
- **Technical Director and Technical Staff Required Training and Experience** (*Applicable Standards 1.2.1.2A, 1.4.1.3A*)
- **Equipment Quality Control** (*Applicable Standards 1.2B, 1.3B*)

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for MRI (Effective March 1, 2016)

Key modifications that are effective on March 1, 2016 are shown in the current *Standards* in highlighting and include:

- **Quality Improvement Program** (*Applicable Standard 1.1C*)
- **Quality Improvement Measures** (*Applicable Standards 2.1C, 2.1.1C, 2.1.2C*)
- **Quality Improvement Meetings** (*Applicable Standard 3.1.1C, 3.1.2C*)
- **Quality Improvement Documentation** (*Applicable Standard 4.1C, 4.1.1C, 4.1.2C*)

Standards that are highlighted are content changes that were made as part of the September 1, 2015 revision.

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.