

## IAC Releases Updates to Nuclear/PET Standards

NEW STANDARDS EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2017

As an accreditation organization, IAC Nuclear/PET is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the nuclear cardiology, nuclear medicine and PET community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided. The [IAC Standards and Guidelines for Nuclear/PET Accreditation](#) are the most important component of that commitment. Composed by physicians 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 Nuclear/PET Board of Directors preliminarily approved the proposed *Standards* which were posted to the IAC Nuclear/PET 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 Nuclear/PET Accreditation* on the website

**Download:** The [IAC Standards and Guidelines for Nuclear/PET Accreditation](#)

*Standards* that are highlighted are major content changes that were made as part of the September 15, 2016 revision. These *Standards* will become effective on March 15, 2017. Facilities applying for accreditation after March 15, 2017 must comply with these new highlighted *Standards*.

### Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for Nuclear/PET

Some of the changes made are a clarification or explanation of the previous *Standards*, however, in several instances, the requirements have been modified. Key modifications include:

- **Technical Staff** - The Standard previously titled nuclear medicine technologist(s) is now technical staff in all references.
- **General Protocol Guidelines** - A substantial change to the IAC Nuclear/PET Standards regarding the required administered radiopharmaceutical dose ranges and corresponding radiation effective doses for myocardial perfusion imaging was made. To read the background on this change, please visit [intersocietal.org/nuclear/main/dose.htm](http://intersocietal.org/nuclear/main/dose.htm).
- **Part D: Therapy Procedures** - The majority of the new Part D section already existed in the previous Standards, however, these requirements were moved to a new section for Therapy Protocols and Performance only.

For a summary of all the revisions made to the Nuclear/PET *Standards*, please visit [intersocietal.org/nuclear/standards/IACNuclearPETStandards2016\\_SummaryofChanges.pdf](http://intersocietal.org/nuclear/standards/IACNuclearPETStandards2016_SummaryofChanges.pdf).