

IAC NUCLEAR/PET ANNOUNCES NEW CASE STUDY REQUIREMENTS

FEWER CASE STUDIES NOW REQUIRED

MAY 2015 | In keeping with the IAC's continued commitment to streamlining and simplifying the accreditation process, we are pleased to announce several updates to the IAC Nuclear/PET case study requirements that became effective this spring. In summary:

GENERAL NUCLEAR MEDICINE:

- Areas of General Nuclear Medicine have been combined (e.g., Musculoskeletal System/Infection Imaging/Tumor and Central Nervous System/Pulmonary System/Hematopoietic, Reticuloendothelial, Lymphatic), with only two cases now required per each grouping. For a facility applying for General Nuclear Medicine accreditation for more than type, this results in 12 case studies being required rather than the previous number of 22.

NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY:

- Facilities applying for RMPI accreditation are now required to submit four studies (reduced from five), of which one may be normal. In addition, there is now more flexibility related to abnormal case selection and the requirement to submit two abnormal case studies from each interpreting physician is no longer in place.

The evaluation of case studies continues to be a critical aspect of the accreditation process, allowing the IAC to assess both the interpretative and technical quality of the level of patient care provided by the facility. However after thorough evaluation, the Board of Directors determined that assessing the quality of the facility can be accomplished with less case studies, equating to less of a burden on the applicant facility. As an accreditation organization, IAC Nuclear/PET is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the nuclear medicine community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided.

To review a complete list of the current case study requirements for IAC Nuclear/PET, please visit intersocietal.org/nuclear/seeking/case_studies.htm. The IAC staff is happy to answer questions about these revised case study requirement via phone 800-838-2110 or e-mail (visit our staff directory at intersocietal.org/nuclear/main/contact_us.htm).