IAC Vascular Testing Releases Minor Changes to Standards

JANUARY 1, 2013 | As an accreditation organization, IAC Vascular Testing is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the vascular testing community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided. The IAC Standards and Guidelines for Vascular Testing Accreditation are the most important component of that commitment. Composed by physicians, sonographers and technologists from the sponsoring organizations, the Standards are reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors and revised as needed.

Beginning in 2012, the IAC introduced a process for making revisions to the Standards inclusive of a 60-day public comment period. These Standards represent the first version to undergo a comment period. All submitted comments were reviewed by the Board of Directors and modified, as needed, prior to the publication of these Standards.

ACCESS THE STANDARDS

View the new IAC Standards and Guidelines for Vascular Testing Accreditation on the IAC Vascular Testing website. Standards that are highlighted are content changes that were made as part of the January 1, 2013 revision. Download the IAC Standards and Guidelines for Vascular Testing Accreditation>>

KEY REVISIONS TO THE IAC STANDARDS FOR VASCULAR TESTING

The majority of changes are a clarification or explanation of the previous Standards, however, in some instances the requirements have been modified. Key modifications include:

- Medical Director and Medical Staff - Informal Training (Applicable Standards 1.1.1.2A and 1.3.1.2A)
- Technical Director - Training and Experience (Applicable Standard 1.2.1.1A)
- Screening Procedure Volumes - Guidelines (Applicable Standard 6.11B)
- Peripheral Venous QI Program (Applicable Standards 2.1.4.1C)

The new IAC Standards and Guidelines for Vascular Testing Accreditation become effective June 1, 2013. Facilities may apply using either the new Standards or the previous version for a period of six months. Applications submitted after June 1, 2013 must be in compliance with the new Standards.