

## 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*.