IAC Releases Updates to Vein Center Standards - New Standards Effective June 1, 2017

As an accreditation organization, IAC Vein Center is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the vein center community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided. The IAC Standards & Guidelines for Vein Center Accreditation: Superficial Venous Evaluation and Management are the most important component of that commitment. Composed by physicians, nurses 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, once approved by the IAC Vein Center Board of Directors, proposed Standards are posted to the IAC Vein Center website for a 60-day public comment period. Standards that are affected by the most recent public comment period (October 5, 2016 to December 5, 2016) are included in this published version.

Access the Standards

View the new Standards on the website:

Download: IAC Standards & Guidelines for Vein Center Accreditation: Superficial Venous Evaluation and Management

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for Vein Center

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:

- Introduction (Superficial: Primary Requirements)
- Medical Director - Required Training and Experience (Applicable Standards 1.1.1A, 1.1.1.1A, 1.1.1.2A, 1.1.1.3A, 1.1.2.1A)
- Medical Director - Responsibilities (Applicable Standard 1.1.2.1A)
- Medical Staff Required Training and Experience (Applicable Standards 1.2.1.1A, 1.2.1.2A, 1.2.1.3A)
- Advanced Practice Provider (Applicable Standards 1.3.1.2A, 1.3.1.3A, 1.3.1.4A) Please note: Advanced Practice Provider was previously known as Physician Extender.
- Nursing Staff Required Training and Experience (Applicable Standards 1.4.1.2A, 1.4.1.3A)
- Nursing Staff Qualifying and Continuing Education (CE/CME) Requirements (Applicable Standard 1.4.3.1A)
- Ultrasound Technologist Required Training and Experience (Applicable Standards 1.5.1A, 1.5.1.1A)
- Ultrasound Technologist Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements (Applicable Standard 1.5.3.3A)
- Equipment and Instrumentation (Applicable Standard 2.2.2.1A)
- Procedure Requirements - Sclerotherapy (Applicable Standard 1.6.1.2B)
- Procedure Requirements - Ambulatory Phlebectomy (Applicable Standard 1.7.3B)
- Procedure Requirements - Endovenous Thermal Ablation (Applicable Standards 1.8.1.1B, 1.8.5.1B)
- Procedure Requirements - Endovenous Non-Thermal Non-Tumescent Ablation Procedure (Applicable Standards 1.9.1B -1.9.4B)
- Procedure Requirements - Non-Operative Management of Chronic Venous Insufficiency with Ulceration (Applicable Standards 1.10B, 1.10.1.1B)
- Quality Improvement Program (Applicable Standards 1.1C-1.1.5C)
- Quality Improvement Oversight (Applicable Standard 1.2C)
- Quality Improvement Measures (Applicable Standards 2.1.1C-2.1.5C)
- Quality Improvement Meetings (Applicable Standard 3.1C)
- Quality Improvement Documentation (Applicable Standard 4.1C)

Facilities applying for accreditation after June 1, 2017 must comply with these new highlighted Standards.