

## IAC RELEASES UPDATES TO ADULT ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY STANDARDS - NEW STANDARDS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 3, 2016

AUGUST 2015 | As an accreditation organization, IAC Echocardiography is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the echocardiography community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided. The [IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation](#) are the most important component of that commitment. Composed by physicians and sonographers 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 Echocardiography Board of Directors preliminarily approved the proposed *Standards* which were posted to the IAC Echocardiography website for a 60-day public comment period from April 15 to June 15, 2015. Following careful review and consideration of the comments received, the Board of Directors voted final approval of the *Standards*.

### Access the Standards

Download: [The IAC Standards and Guidelines for Adult Echocardiography Accreditation»](#)

### Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for Adult Echocardiography

Key modifications are shown in the current *Standards* in highlighting and include:

- **Medical Director Required Training and Experience** (*Applicable Standard 1.1.1.3A*) – This *Standard* revision includes a change to the Medical Director training and experience pathway. To read background on this revision, please visit [intersocietal.org/echo/main/pathway.htm](http://intersocietal.org/echo/main/pathway.htm)
- **Technical Staff** (*Applicable Standard 1.4A*)
- **Quality Improvement Program** (*Applicable Standard 1.1C*)
- **Quality Improvement Oversight** (*Applicable Standard 1.2C*)
- **Quality Improvement Measures** (*Applicable Standards 2.1C, 2.1.1C, 2.1.2C, 2.1.3C, 2.1.4C, 2.1.5.1C*)
- **Quality Improvement Meetings** (*Applicable Standards 3.1.1C, 3.1.2C*)
- **Quality Improvement Documentation** (*Applicable Standard 4.1C*)

*Standards* that are highlighted are content changes that were made as part of the August 3, 2015 revision. These *Standards* will become effective on February 3, 2016. Facilities applying for accreditation after February 3, 2016 must comply with these new highlighted *Standards*.

### Coming Soon ... Resources to Assist with the New Quality Improvement (QI) Standards

To better assist facilities with implementing these new *Standards*, the IAC will make available the following resources:

- Sample QI Policy
- [Sample QI Meeting Minutes](#) [Now Available!]
- Sample QI Assessment
- QI Self-Assessment Tool: A tool to be used for the evaluation and documentation of QI that will be accessed through a link in the IAC Online Accreditation application system.