

## IAC VASCULAR TESTING RELEASES UPDATES TO STANDARDS - NEW QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 3, 2016

AUGUST 2015 | 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 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, the IAC Vascular Testing Board of Directors preliminarily approved the proposed *Standards* which were posted to the IAC Vascular Testing website for a 60-day public comment period from April 17 to June 17, 2015. Following careful review and consideration of the comments received, the Board of Directors voted final approval of the *Standards*.

### Access the New Standards

Download: [IAC Standards and Guidelines for Vascular Testing Accreditation»](#)

### Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for Vascular Testing

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

- Quality Improvement Program (*Applicable Standard 1.1C and 1.2C*)
- Quality Improvement Measures (*Applicable Standard 2.1C*)
- Quality Improvement Meetings (*Applicable Standard 3.1C*)
- 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 have policies in place in order to 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* effective February 3, 2016, the IAC will make available the following resources:

- [Webcast - IAC Vascular Testing: Quality Improvement Update](#) [Now Available!]
- 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.