

IAC CT RELEASES UPDATES TO STANDARDS - NEW QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 3, 2016; ALL OTHER CHANGES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

AUGUST 2015 | As an accreditation organization, IAC CT is committed to maintaining a program that balances the changing needs of both the CT community and the general public by influencing the quality of patient care provided. The [IAC Standards and Guidelines for CT Accreditation](#) are the most important component of that commitment. Composed by physicians, physicists 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 CT Board of Directors preliminarily approved the proposed *Standards* which were posted to the IAC CT website for a 60-day public comment period from April 16 to June 16, 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 CT Accreditation»](#)

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for CT (Effective August 3, 2015)

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

- **Low Dose CT (LDCT) Lung Screening** (Applicable Standards 1.1A, 1.3A, 4.1.4.6Av, 1.1.2.6B, 2.2.1B, 2.3.1B, 2.4.3.14Bxiv): The IAC is now offering LDCT lung cancer screening accreditation. To apply, facilities will be required to be accredited in the testing area of Body CT. For more details, please visit intersocietal.org/ct/main/lungscreening.htm.
- **Indications, Ordering Process and Scheduling** (Applicable Standard 2.2B): Effective August 3, 2015, facilities that only provide whole body CT screening examinations are not eligible to apply for IAC CT accreditation.
- **Technical Staff** (Applicable Standard 1.4A)
- **Instrumentation – Body CT** (Applicable Standard 1.1.2.6Bii)

Key Revisions to the IAC Standards for CT (Effective February 3, 2016)

Key modifications that are effective on February 3, 2016 are shown in the current *Standards* in highlighting and include:

- **Quality Improvement Program** (Applicable Standard 1.1C)
- **Quality Improvement Measures** (Applicable Standards 2.1.1C, 2.1.2C, 2.1.3C, 2.1.4C)
- **Quality Improvement Meetings** (Applicable Standard 3.1.1C)
- **Quality Improvement Documentation** (Applicable Standard 4.1.1C)

Standards that are highlighted are content changes that were made as part of the August 3, 2015 revision.

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.