

Introduction

The Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) accredits centers that provide hemodialysis access evaluation, management and/or treatment procedures. IAC accreditation is a process by which centers can evaluate and demonstrate the level of patient care they provide.

This program is designed to accredit facilities that evaluate and manage hemodialysis access sites to ensure that the facility meets benchmarks for quality based on published guidelines, resources, training and outcomes. Medical knowledge for the evaluation and management of hemodialysis access disorders is required.

A hemodialysis access center is defined as a center where hemodialysis access evaluation and management and/or treatment procedures are performed and is composed of, at a minimum, a qualified Medical Director (MD or DO), a Registered Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) and appropriate equipment to perform the procedures. Under the supervision of the qualified Medical Director, there may be additional medical staff (MD or DO), Advanced Practice Providers, nurses, ultrasound technologists/sonographers and/or ancillary personnel. All physicians who perform hemodialysis access interventions in the facility must be included in the application for accreditation as part of the medical staff. The center must meet the organizational requirements defined in this document.

These accreditation Standards represent the minimum requirements to which an accredited hemodialysis access facility is held accountable. These Standards are not intended to be a comprehensive list of requirements to perform a procedure. In addition to all Standards listed below, the facility, including all staff, must comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to laws relating to licensed scope of practice, facility operations, and billing requirements.

Hemodialysis Access: Primary Procedures

The following procedures are available for accreditation:

- a. Dialysis access angiography and/or intravascular ultrasound (IVUS)
- b. Percutaneous arteriovenous access creation/insertion
 - i. Open graft/fistula creation, if performed
- c. Dialysis access angioplasty
- d. Dialysis access stent/stent graft placement
- e. Treatment of Dialysis access thrombosis via thrombolysis/thrombectomy (pharmacologic, mechanical, pharmacomechanical)
- f. Dialysis access embolization/injection therapy
- g. Dialysis access catheter placement or revision, tunneled and non-tunneled
- h. Dialysis access catheter removal, tunneled and non-tunneled