Building a Vascular Laboratory

CLINICAL APPROACH TO VASCULAR ULTRASOUND & RPVI PREP COURSE

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- Physical Space
- Equipment
- Protocols
- Structured Reporting
- Image Storage
- Personnel
- Record Keeping
- Quality Control
- Accreditation
- Maintenance

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Physical Space

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- Hallway and door spacing
- Size of exam rooms
- Design of the space
- Lighting
- Amenities

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Hallway and door spacing

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Size of Exam Room

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Size of Exam Room

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Space Design

No Windows
In exam and reading rooms

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Space Design

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Space Design

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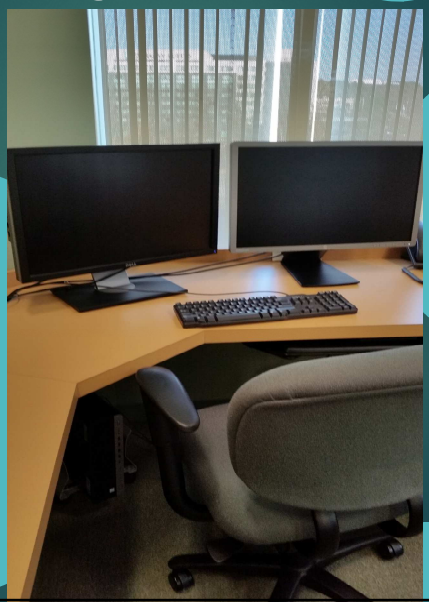
Space Design



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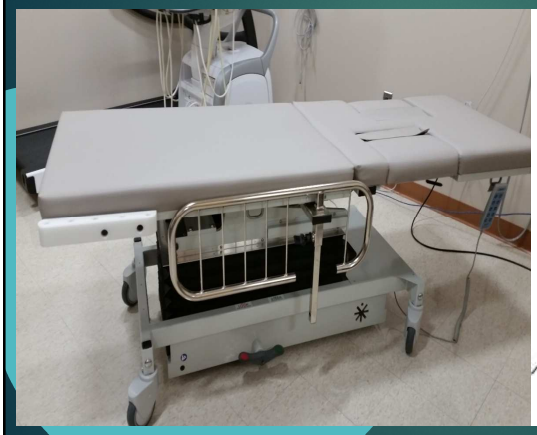
Equipment



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Equipment

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Equipment

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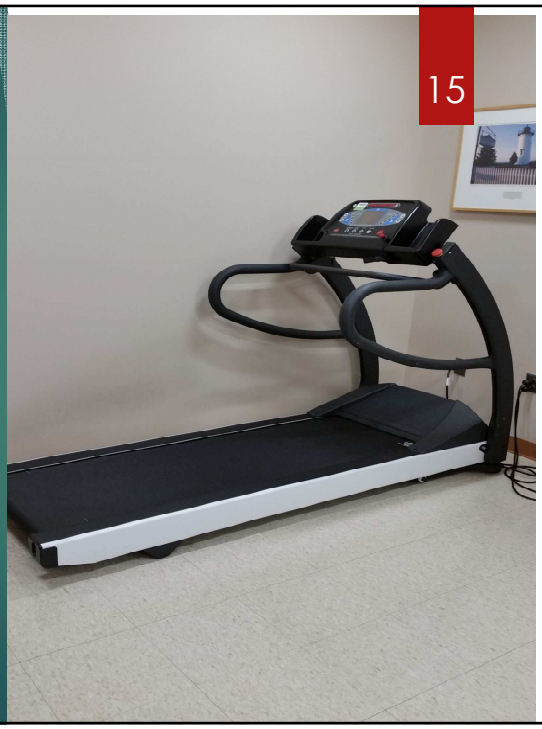
Equipment

- Calibrated
- Accommodate 300lbs
- Variable handle placements



Protocols

- The Hallmarks
  - Extracranial Cerebrovascular Duplex
  - Lower Extremity Venous Duplex
  - Lower Extremity Arterial Physiologic Exam
  - Lower Extremity Arterial Duplex

Protocols

- Frequently Used
  - Renal Artery Duplex
  - Lower Extremity Venous Reflux Duplex
  - Abdominal Aorta / IVC Duplex
  - Upper Extremity Arterial Physiologic Exam
  - Upper Extremity Venous Duplex
  - Transcranial Doppler (Imaging or non-imaging)
  - Bypass Graft / Stent Duplex

Protocols

- Occasionally Used
  - Mesenteric Artery/Vein Duplex
  - Arterial Duplex for Aneurysm/Pseudoaneurysm
  - Hemodialysis Fistula Duplex
  - Palmar Arch Testing
  - Raynaud's and Thoracic Outlet Testing
  - Vasomotor Reactivity Testing

Protocols

Resources

Source: www.Intersocietal.org

Protocols

IAC Standards & Guidelines
For Vascular Testing
www.Intersocietal.org

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Structured Reporting

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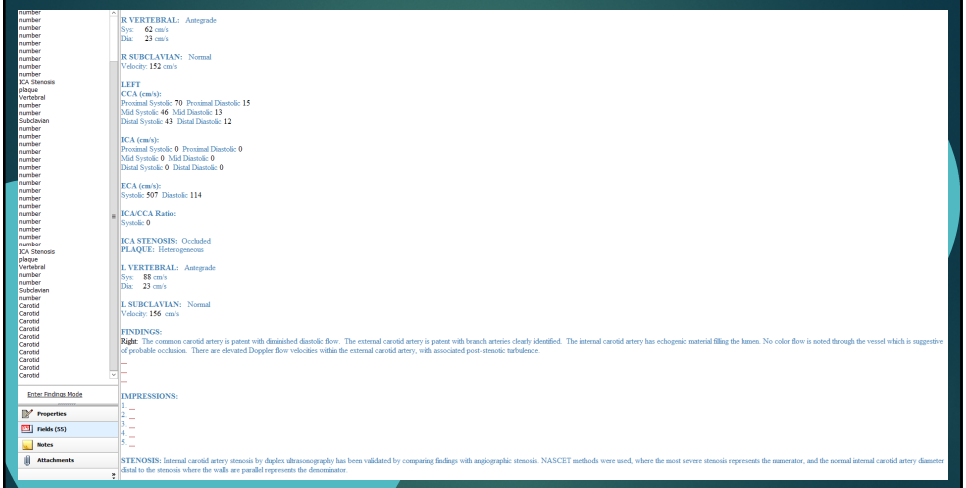

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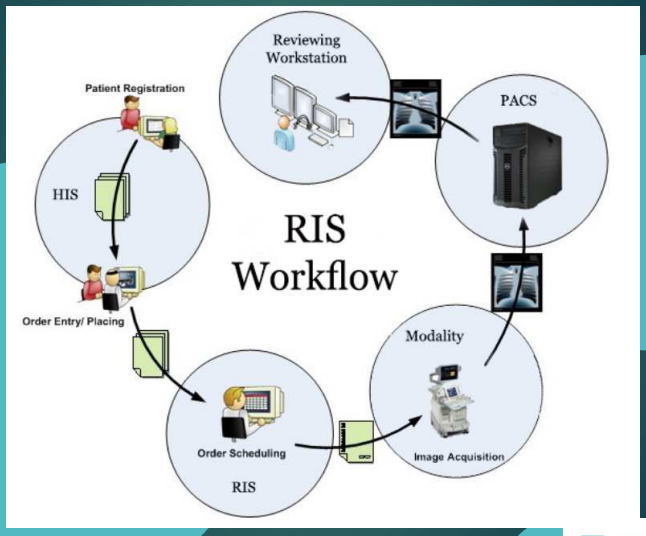
Image Storage



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Personnel

- Medical Director
  - Licensed MD or DO
  - Must meet one or more levels of training/experience
    - Physician Credential for Vascular Interpretation (RPVI or ASN)
    - Formal Training
    - Informal Training
    - Established Practice

Personnel

- Technical Director
  - Credentialed in appropriate area of vascular testing
  - Appropriate level of training meeting minimum testing volume standards in each area

Personnel

- Technical Staff
  - Credentialed in appropriate level of training – meeting minimum testing volume standards
  - Provisional – new graduate from an established program who must obtain credential within one year from date of graduation

Record Keeping

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GOAL

ACCREDITATION

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Record Keeping

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- Volume Requirements (in each testing area)
  - Extracranial Cerebrovascular Testing – 100
  - Intracranial Cerebrovascular Testing – 100
  - Peripheral Arterial Testing – 100
  - Peripheral Venous Testing – 100
  - Visceral Vascular Testing – 100

Practice can choose which areas of testing in which to obtain accreditation

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Record Keeping

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Patient Name	MRN	Ultrasound Results	CTA Results	MRA/MRI Results	Angiogram	Op Report	Correlation
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Record Keeping

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- Quality Assurance Meetings
  - All staff may participate in validation of interpretation criteria
  - Two staff QA meetings per year (minimum)
  - Engage staff in "interesting cases" huddles
  - IAC website - many resources for staff meetings and sample templates for recording meeting minutes
  - CME's – all staff must meet minimum requirements

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IAC Accreditation

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...One Year Later

You're ready to begin the ...

IAC Accreditation Application!

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IAC Application

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- Link: www.Intersocietal.org
- Vascular Testing
- Web-based
- Step-by-step application process
- Two-month completion time (estimated)
- Three-month waiting period for decision on the granting of accreditation

IAC Accreditation

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CONGRATULATIONS!

ACCREDITATION GRANTED

…FOR 3 YEARS

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Maintenance

- Protocols
- Continue to review
- IAC changes/modifies the requirements for the standards yearly

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Maintenance

- Quality Assurance
- Continue to review ultrasound exams as compared to the "gold standards"
- Interpretation criteria may need tweaking
- (make sure any changes are scientifically based)

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Maintenance

Quality Assurance

Semi-annual meetings with staff to maintain quality within the vascular lab

Maintenance

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- Continuing Medical Education Credits
- Each staff member (medical and technological) must maintain a required number of CME's
- Conferences, local meetings, webinars, journal articles, etc.

Thank You !

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Best of Luck

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