

ICACTL and CT Imaging Accreditation

FAQ

Q. What is the ICACTL?

A. The ICACTL stands for the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Computed Tomography Laboratories. ICACTL accreditation is defined by the intersocietal concept that all aspects of computed tomography imaging be represented in the accreditation process, from the creation of *The Standards* to the review of each application for accreditation. A non-profit organization, the ICACTL is supported by the participating organizations while operating independently of their activities. Organizations participating in the development of the CT standards include: the American Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery, the American Academy of Neurology, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, the American College of Cardiology, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, the American Society of Echocardiography, the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society for Vascular Surgery, the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, and the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Q. Was the Academy involved in the development of CT accreditation standards through the ICACTL?

A. Yes. Drs. Gavin Setzen and Arnold Noyek represented the Academy in the development of the standards, and serve on the ICACTL Board of Directors.

Q. Where can I find out more information about ICACTL and the CT standards?

A. You can go to the ICACTL website, <http://www.icactl.org/icactl/index.htm>, visit the Practice Services kiosk, or the ICACTL booth.

Q. If I have an in-office CT scanner, do I have to be accredited?

A. Accreditation is voluntary, but major third party payers are looking at (or already do) requiring accreditation for reimbursement of imaging services.

Q. What is the Academy doing to help with this process?

A. The Academy is looking into the development of educational materials to help Academy members. However, this is in the early stages since the standards were just released in July. Please check the Academy's website and theNEWS for further details.

Q. Will the Academy help me go through the accreditation process?

A. At this time, the Academy will help members through our educational resources. Members and practices should work with the ICACTL for assistance and guidance in the actual application process.

Q. What is the Academy's position on accreditation?

A. The Academy encourages all initiatives that aim to improve the quality of care delivered to patients. We believe that in-office imaging provides patients with

care that is timely, safe, effective, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered, which represent the six dimensions of high quality of care as defined by the Institutes of Medicine (IOM). We maintain that otolaryngologists are appropriately trained to provide and interpret imaging services in the care of their patients. Accreditation is one more way to demonstrate to patients and payers that otolaryngology stands behind the high quality of care delivered to patients.