



DIAGNOSTIC ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

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Highlights of the DAP Pulmonary Function Accreditation Standards 2015 and Accreditation Process Changes

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The standards have been revised to reduce ambiguity, increase specificity, remove redundancy and provide more clarity for interpretation.

The organization of the standards has been modified:

- there are more categories of standards to make locating specific standards easier.
- an alpha numeric system is used to uniquely identify each standard, criterion and descriptor.
- “intent” and “guidance” statements are used throughout the standards to provide more assistance in the interpretation.

The most significant changes to the categories are as follows.

Governance and Leadership

This category was previously known as Leadership and Management and includes more comprehensive and detailed standards related to accountability, responsibility and service planning for the governing body/ownership and facility leadership.

Medical Staff

This is a new category and includes medical staff leadership, credentialing, delegation of medical acts and medical staff contracts/agreements.

Human Resources

There are mandatory requirements regarding the certification of technical staff with their applicable national certifying body. It is the expectation that all newly hired technical staff have the appropriate certification to meet these mandatory requirements. Also, standards describe processes to ensure proficiency of therapist knowledge, skills and abilities are assessed.

Patient Safety

In addition to the General Safety category, this new category addresses creating a culture of patient safety, patient identification, medication management and administration, medical emergencies and, risk and disclosure.

Infection Prevention and Control

This new category includes more detailed standards for planning, routine practices, cleaning and disinfection of surfaces and equipment.

Quality Improvement

The quality improvement accreditation standards are more comprehensive. They provide clearer direction to facilities/services on how to establish quality improvement programs and initiatives. Detailed requirements for medical peer review are provided and the requirements for continuous monitoring of key operational processes through internal audits and performance indicators.

Information Management

This new category includes standards for confidentiality, medical records, document control and provides clarity for the retention of documents and records.

Equipment and Supplies

This new category includes standards for equipment operation, quality assurance, biological controls and solutions & supplies. These standards are to be used in conjunction with the test specific Pulmonary Function accreditation standards.

Global Pulmonary Function

This new category includes standards that may be common to multiple tests and therefore are to be used in conjunction with the Pulmonary Function category specific standards. This categories standards address test requests, patient preparation, procedural documents, interpretation and reports.

Pulmonary Function

The standards have been appropriately reorganized and updated to include more details and clarity on pulmonary testing and reporting.

Accreditation Process Changes

Improvements to the accreditation process have been made to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of assessment practices.

- The previous three year DAP accreditation cycle has been changed to a four year cycle, with on-site assessments at each facility once every 4 years.
- Facilities will submit evidence prior to the on-site assessment for review by the assessor(s)

This submission:

- ✓ will help prepare the facility for the accreditation process including the day of the on-site survey.
- ✓ will result in the facility not having to search for documentation on the day of survey.
- ✓ may be submitted once on behalf of a region or organization and applied to multiple facilities (*e.g. regional submission*).
- ✓ will allow assessors to be better prepared and have a more thorough understanding of facility processes.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Diagnostic Accreditation Program at 604-733-7758 ext. 2635 or pulmonaryfunction@CPSBC.ca.