Advisory to cardiology technology programs
Re: revision to national competency profile

The Committee on Conjoint Accreditation has accepted a revised national competency profile for use in the accreditation of cardiology technology programs.

The Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists’ (CSCT) Competency Profile – Cardiology Technologist (dated 2014) will be used for accreditation surveys effective April 2016. This profile will replace the previous version (dated 2007). The revised profile is available on the CSCT website (www.csct.ca). The CSCT has advised that the first exam sitting on the revised profile will be September 2017.

Major revisions include:
- Removal of competency area 1.5 Obtain and analyze pacemaker trans-telephonic recordings.
- Addition of competency areas:
  - 1.7 Perform Electrophysiology Testing
  - 2.11 Establish a Peripheral Intravenous Line

Revisions also include the addition, deletion and rewording of individual competency statements.

Accreditation surveys and reporting requirements

Critical criterion 1.3
Validation of critical criterion 1.3 – Cross-reference of curriculum to the competency profile (Program self-assessment report and accreditation visit)

Programs scheduled for their regular survey in September 2016 or later must cross reference their program to the 2014 version of the competency profile as part of the evidence submitted with their program self-assessment report (see 2014 Requirements for accreditation handbook, critical criterion 1.3).

Programs scheduled for their regular survey between June 2014 and August 2016 may choose to cross reference their program to the 2014 version of the competency profile as part of their self-assessment report. If they do, they will not be subject to the April 2016 reporting requirements described below.

Critical criterion 1.5
Validation of critical criterion 1.5 – Attainment of competencies – Student records

After June 2017, programs are expected to provide verifiable data confirming the students’ attainment of competencies in the 2014 CSCT competency profile.

See 2014 Requirements for accreditation handbook, criterion 1.5, for more information on the type of evidence to be submitted for this criterion.
It is possible, depending on the scheduled time of the visit, that the 2014 version of the competency profile will be used to assess critical criterion 1.3, while the 2007 version of the competency profile will be used to assess critical criterion 1.5.

**Reporting requirement**

Accredited cardiology technology programs must demonstrate compliance with the 2014 version of the competency profile by **April 18, 2016** by submitting a report to CMA Accreditation. The report must include a cross reference of program curriculum to the 2014 version of the competency profile, and be accompanied by the course outlines that validate inclusion of all the competencies in the curriculum.

Evidence should be submitted electronically, either on a USB key, through an electronic management system or by email.

**Communication with CMA Accreditation**

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about this change in the competency profile for cardiology technology.