

ICANL Live Chat

The following were questions asked during the ICANL's January 20, 2010 live chat. *Note: The entries below are linked to the corresponding questions.*

- Does preventive maintenance have to be done by the manufacturer?
- Will the application change with the new *Standards*?
- If physicians read in a lab but are not employed by the lab, do they still need to have CME and meet a qualification pathway?
- How do we submit case studies?
- Can we update information that has already been entered into the online application?
- What is considered relevant CME?
- Does a technologist who passed the NCT still need to have 15 CE hours?
- If a physician took a relevant board but has not received the results, will that count towards waiving the CME requirement? Can I submit before receiving the results?

Question: Does preventive maintenance have to be done by the manufacturer?

Answer: The ICANL does not require preventative maintenance to be done by the manufacturer. It may be done by any qualified physicist or field service technician. *However note: The ICANL does require preventative maintenance to be done every six months.*

Question: Will the application change with the new *Standards*?

Answer: Yes. The online application is now being updated to meet the new *Standards*. If you start an application in June or July, you will receive the updated application with links to the latest version of the *Standards*. Don't worry If you are currently working on an application and you submit shortly after the new *Standards* go into effective in July, we will evaluate your application based off of the old *Standards*.

Question: If physicians read in a lab but are not employed by the lab, do they still need to have CME and meet a qualification pathway?

Answer: If the physician is billing under the labs accreditation, they must meet the CME and qualification pathways and maintain compliance with the *Standards*. If the physician is in a lease arrangement billing globally under his own then he does not have to be added to the laboratory's accreditation but he may not use the labs accreditation either.

Question: How do we submit case studies?

Answer: Cases may be submitted as electronic images (jpeg, pdf, avi, or DICOM embedded viewer, etc) or as hard copy. The case studies must be submitted in duplicate.

Question: Can we update information that has already been entered into the online application?

Answer: Yes and No. If you have not clicked the submit button then you may update any field and re-upload the attachments (it will write over the original attachment). If you have already clicked the submit button then you can not update any information. You must contact the ICANL and submit any materials by mail, fax or email.

Question: What is considered relevant CME?

Answer: Relevant CME is any course related to the interpretation or performance of nuclear medicine studies or that is related directly to one of the ICANL *Standards*. A course does not necessarily have to be nuclear cardiology specific if a lab is only doing nuclear cardiology. It may be a general nuclear medicine or PET course. Courses about CT or CTA or echocardiography are not considered relevant.

Question: Does a technologist who passed the NCT still need to have 15 CE hours?

Answer: If the NCT exam was passed within three years of the application submission, then the CE requirement is waived.

Question: If a physician took a relevant board but has not received the results, will that count towards waiving the CME requirement? Can I submit before receiving the results?

Answer: Just taking the boards does not count. The physician has documentation that the board was passed. If you submit your application without the results, it may be delayed.