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ASE's ImageGuideEcho Registry and IAC Collaborate for a Continued Alignment in Quality

Durham, NC, May 10, 2021 – The American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) and the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) are pleased to announce an enhanced partnership to assist labs with quality improvement. This integrated solution will satisfy an accreditation requirement for quality improvement (QI) documentation specific for two QI measures: report completeness and timeliness. Facilities or physicians participating in ASE's ImageGuideEcho™ Registry are now able to view accreditation specific data within the Registry interface, reduce data entry redundancy, and streamline their regular accreditation application process by uploading the Registry's QI documentation to report completeness and timeliness. This collaboration, to introduce integrative features across the Registry and IAC platforms, has been a long-term project aimed at supporting high quality care for patients.

"We are thrilled to continue our long tradition of encouraging and upholding quality standards in echocardiography by building a bridge to IAC that will reduce redundancy in the measurement of quality standards," said Robin Wiegerink, ASE's Chief Executive Officer. "ASE, a supporter and partner of IAC since the inception of its Echocardiography module in 1996, sees this connection as a natural evolution, bringing together two quality-driven initiatives to benefit the field."

"IAC and ASE have a long history of collaboration, with missions closely aligned in the quality space," said Mary Lally, MS, CAE, IAC's Chief Executive Officer. "The ability for facilities participating in the ImageGuideEcho Registry to use their reports for IAC Echocardiography accreditation submissions to potentially eliminate redundant data is very positive. This coupled with use of the QI Tool as a mechanism to document process improvement, assess work and remedy gaps as identified in the Registry reports is an illustration of maximizing both organizations' strengths as we strive to help echo clinicians meet quality initiatives, ultimately leading to improved patient care."

As a module under the ImageGuide Registry®, ImageGuideEcho helps transform echocardiography data into meaningful metrics, identifying trends and performance gaps across multiple sites while improving quality of care. The Registry has been recognized annually as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry since 2015. ImageGuideEcho offers a portfolio of 12 echocardiography quality measures for reporting, and will now also include the necessary metrics for fulfillment of this specific IAC accreditation QI requirement. Participation in the ImageGuideEcho Registry is free for ASE members and also offers non-member lab-based enrollment options. For more information visit ImageGuideEcho.org.

About ASE

ASE is the Society for Cardiovascular Ultrasound Professionals™. ASE is the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging serving physicians, sonographers, nurses, veterinarians, and scientists

and as such is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines for the field. The Society is committed to advancing cardiovascular ultrasound to improve lives. For more information about ASE, visit: ASEcho.org and follow us [@ASE360](https://twitter.com/ASE360).

About the IAC

The Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) provides accreditation programs for vascular testing, echocardiography, nuclear/PET, MRI, diagnostic CT, dental CT, carotid stenting, vein treatment and management, cardiac electrophysiology and cardiovascular catheterization. The IAC programs for accreditation are dedicated to ensuring quality patient care and promoting health care and all support one common mission: Improving health care through accreditation®. For more information visit Intersocietal.org.

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