

TiP™ Accreditation Physicist Support

Efficient. Precise. Effective.

Here's a way to obtain advanced imaging accreditation to help minimize the impact the accreditation process has on your staff and patient imaging time. This offering comes just in time to meet the January 1, 2012 accreditation requirement (if applicable to your organization).

GE Healthcare, in concert with West Physics Consulting, can provide comprehensive American College of Radiology (ACR) accreditation support for hospitals and outpatient facilities nationwide. Our advanced capabilities can help you achieve accreditation for your GE imaging devices – and then reliably maintain it. We can help you meet ACR requirements for:

- Clinical image quality*
- Phantom image quality
- Yearly medical physicist review
- Personnel qualifications*
- Site quality control measures

Support for clinical image quality*

We help you pass the ACR clinical imaging requirements with personalized instruction on the details of the required clinical exams, as well as advice on the proper way to prepare submissions and complete forms.

* Optional with TiP Lifecycle

Support for phantom image quality and performance of the required annual medical physics survey

GE Healthcare will collaborate with West Physics Consulting, a leading provider of ACR accreditation services, to assist you with phantom image collection, evaluation and submission. West Physics Consulting has achieved a 99.8% first time phantom image pass rate over the course of performing 1,000 ACR accreditation studies for nearly 800 facilities. This success rate will help give you the opportunity to meet phantom image requirements on the very first attempt. The expert medical physicists at West Physics will also perform the required Annual System Performance Evaluation, which must accompany your application.

Set-up and maintenance of ongoing ACR compliance quality control programs

Besides helping you get accredited, GE Healthcare and West Physics will help you stay accredited. We can provide a comprehensive ACR-compliant quality control program, and train your staff to maintain it. Ongoing quality control procedures will be reviewed with your technologists. All clinical ACR training offers CE credits for your staff to earn through participation and completion. These credits can assist in meeting the ACR personnel qualification requirements. You will receive the required annual physics surveys, plus telephone support from West Physics between visits. All this, along with the guidance of your regular planned maintenance procedures, ensure a comprehensive, ongoing quality-control program.



TiP Accreditation Physicist Support for MR, CT, PET and Nuclear Medicine

<p>Clinical Image Submission (Optional with TiP lifecycle)</p>	<p>Clinical Imaging Support (required every three years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on coaching in clinical image requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Required exams – Identifying appropriate studies – Image preparation for submission – Completion of forms • Instruction on the ACR submission process and guidelines • CE credits upon completion • Instruction and practice in study and protocol review • Instruction on clinical review and data recording • In non ACR submission years, on-site training to meet targeted needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – GE coordinates yearly activities – Customer needs analysis and training recommendations
<p>Phantom Image Submission and Annual Physicist Survey</p>	<p>Qualified Medical Physicist Support (required annually)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-year phantom testing, physics consultation and image submission • Annual ACR-approved protocol physics testing • Technologist instruction in weekly phantom scanning and record-keeping • For CT, review of patient dosimetry results and assistance with protocol adjustment to optimize radiation dose versus image quality • Initial and annual technologist training in ACR quality-control methods
<p>Quality Control Programs and Ongoing Physicist Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACR-compliant policies and procedures • Quality-control resource binder for each system • Set-up and periodic review of ACR technologist quality-control program • Instruction and hands-on practice in ongoing quality-control program • Annual physicist survey by a qualified medical physicist • Periodic ACR quality-control record review • Telephone consulting on ACR-related issues between site visits

Accreditation is tough. We make it easier.

ACR accreditation is a rigorous process that can take months of diligent work. We'll guide you through it efficiently – and successfully – while you stay focused on delivering quality care. We are so confident in our service that we will guarantee if you follow the recommended process and image submission you will pass ACR†. If not, we will pay the resubmission fee and repeat the needed support at no charge.

Contact your GE Healthcare sales representative for more information.

† Guarantee dependent on customer meeting customer responsibilities set forth in GE Healthcare standard terms related to such program.

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