



THE SOCIETY FOR
VASCULAR TECHNOLOGY OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

SVT official Position statement on IQIPS Accreditation

As of April 1st 2017 the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) assumed full responsibility for the management and delivery of the Improving Quality in Physiological Services (IQIPS) accreditation scheme. Improving quality in Physiological services, IQIPS, is an assessment and accreditation scheme that aims to improve the quality of service, care and safety for patients undergoing physiological tests, examinations and procedures. IQIPS is fully supported by NHS England, the Royal College of Physicians and recognized by the Care Quality Commission.

Vascular Services that successfully gain accreditation have shown that their services comply with the professionally developed standards across 4 domains: Patient Experience, Safety, Facilities, Resources and Workforce and Clinical. Accredited services are committed to ongoing service review and improvements.

At present the Vascular Services which hold IQIPS accreditation are the Independent Vascular Services based in Manchester and the Vascular Assessment Unit based in Portsmouth. Up-to-date information can be obtained from the United Kingdom accreditation service (UKAS) website:

https://www.ukas.com/browse-accredited-organisations/?org_type=9. The SVT recommends that in 2018 all Vascular Services start to discuss service accreditation within their Trusts with their service managers/healthcare science networks and start to engage in IQIPS accreditation.

UKAS provides an extensive pre-application support package which ensures that a service is confident and prepared to continue towards assessment for accreditation.

The Traffic Light Ready (TLR) online tool provided by UKAS is designed to support organisations to complete a structured, comprehensive gap analysis against the IQIPS standard in preparation for accreditation. By undertaking this ‘gap analysis’ services can start to improve the quality of services and the care they offer to patients.

Vascular services performing diagnostic procedures must strive to offer the highest standards. It is therefore essential that all vascular services, regardless of size, engage to achieve IQIPS accreditation as the accepted badge of quality for vascular services.

More details on IQIPS can be found at:

<https://www.ukas.com/services/accreditation-services/physiological-services-accreditation-iqips/>

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