

# Challenges of The Accreditation Process And Meeting The New EQUIP Regulations

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- Objectives:**
- The Technologist will have a better understanding of the current accreditation process.
  - The Technologist will have a better understanding the current image requirement for The accreditation process.
  - The Technologist will have a better understanding of the new EQUIP regulations.
  - The Technologists will have a better understanding why the new EQUIP regulations were put Into place and how they should be handled
  - The Technologist will have a better understanding of the goal of the EQUIP program.

## **I Changes In the Current Accreditation Process**

1. How to apply and submit materials into the ACR for the accreditation process
2. How to apply for 2D FFDM or CR accreditation
3. How to apply for 3D DBT accreditation
4. Understanding how other accreditation bodies compare with the ACR process

## **II Image Requirements For The Accreditation Process**

1. 2D Images
2. 2D Regenerated images
3. 3D Images
4. Phantom images

## **III EQUIP What does it mean, what is it really and how does it apply to the Mammography Department and Employees**

1. Evaluating Quality of Images Using The Inspection Process
2. Your MQSA inspector will review your EQUIP program each year
3. The purpose of the EQUIP program is to enhance image quality on a daily basis
4. Setting your department image quality
5. Inspecting Mammographers image quality throughout the year
6. Inspecting the Radiologist interpretation skills through the year
7. LIP- Lead Interpreting Physician's responsibilities
8. Overseeing your facilities QA /QC program throughout the year

## **IV The Goal of the EQUIP Program**

1. To return the facility to performing quality images on a daily basis
2. To return the facility personnel to being responsible for their images and interpretation and to remember every day is ACR DAY
3. To return the quality of patient care to the standards originally set through the MQSA Mammography Quality Standards Act passed in 1992

This presentation will be 120 minutes in length