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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to announce that **Tri-Cities Vein & Vascular Institute is accredited by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Vascular Testing**. We are the ONLY Accredited Vascular Laboratory in the Tri-Cities and surrounding communities.

The purpose of IAC accreditation is “to ensure high quality patient care and to promote health care by providing a mechanism to encourage and recognize the provision of quality imaging diagnostic evaluations by a process of accreditation.” With this accreditation, we strive to continue to assist in diagnosing and treating with hemodynamic physiology and imaging for better patient care.

At Tri-Cities Vein & Vascular Institute, we offer a full range of **Vascular Ultrasound Studies** including:

**Abdominal:** Renal, AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm), Mesenteric Arteries, Aorto-Iliac

**Carotid:** Carotid & Transcranial Imaging (TCI)

**Venous:** Upper / Lower Venous (to rule out insufficiency or - Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)

**Peripheral Arterial:** Upper / Lower (including Ankle Brachial Indices- ABI), Raynaud’s, Thoracic Outlet Syndrome

**Pre-Dialysis:** Mapping & Dialysis Access Evaluations

**Vein Mapping & Graft / Stent Evaluation**

I am sending you our **Vascular Ultrasound Referral and New Patient Referral Forms**. The ultrasounds will be performed by a Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) and read by myself, Esteban Ambrad-Chalela, M.D., Vascular Surgeon, Medical Director. You can order the Vascular Ultrasound without me seeing the patient (**Ultrasound Referral Form**) or, if you would like me to see the patient (**New Patient Referral Form**) are enclosed.

I will keep you informed of your patient studies by faxing a copy of the ultrasound findings to your office within a timely manner. Most patients can be seen within a week or so. However, if you need a more urgent appointment, call the office directly and we will try to accommodate the patient.

Please give us a call if you have any questions or would like to schedule your patients for a vascular ultrasound or consultation. Feel free to copy the attached forms to use at your convenience. Thank you for your time and I appreciate all your patient referrals. I look forward to continuing to work with you, the Tri-Cities, and surrounding communities for the best patient care.

Sincerely,



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## **Tri-Cities Vein & Vascular Institute receives IAC accreditation**

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Tri-Cities Vein & Vascular Institute in Richland has earned a three-year term of accreditation from the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission, a news release said.

The accreditation is in vascular testing in the areas of extracranial cerebrovascular testing, peripheral venous testing, peripheral arterial testing and visceral vascular testing, the release said.

"Accreditation by the IAC means that Tri-Cities Vein & Vascular Institute has undergone a thorough review of its operational and technical components by a panel of experts. The IAC grants accreditation only to those facilities that are found to be providing quality patient care, in compliance with national standards through a comprehensive application process including detailed case study review," the release said, describing the accreditation as a "seal of approval" that patients can rely."

The institute is at 761 Williams Blvd.

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