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Dear Physician,

Lexington Clinic's vascular laboratory is accredited by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC). IAC standards for vascular accreditation provide guidelines related to all aspects of the facility and must be renewed every three years. Accreditation allows for ongoing self assessment and demonstrates a commitment to quality patient care in compliance with national established, published standards referred to as appropriate use criteria (AUC).

AUC are written to define when and how often to do a given procedure in the context of scientific evidence, healthcare environment, the patient's profile, and physician's judgment while providing patients with quality, appropriated care. Lexington Clinic's vascular program is based upon the AUC published by the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Interventional Radiology, and Society for Vascular Medicine.

Measurement of the appropriate use of diagnostic testing in our facility is a required part of our patient care quality improvement program. Compliance requires data collection which will allow us to assess patterns of care and to understand and improve the rate of clinically appropriate imaging. More information regarding AUC for vascular sonography can be found online at the American College of Cardiology (www.acc.org) and (jacc.org).

Thank you for allowing us to participate in the care of your patients by providing high quality vascular examinations and interpretations.

Sincerely,

Lexington Clinic Vascular Lab