



The Stern Cardiovascular Center Receives Reaccreditation

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On March 4, 2010 The Stern Cardiovascular Center received reaccreditation from the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories for Adult Transthoracic and Adult Stress Echocardiography.

One American dies every 32 seconds of cardiovascular disease, disorders of the heart and blood vessels. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, costing society over 83.7 billion dollars each year in health services, medications and lost work time due to disability. Cardiac structure and flow information provided by echocardiographic testing is useful in the detection and management of many types of heart disease. Echocardiography is a complex imaging technique that relies on the experience and training of both the physician and sonographer. The ICAEL has developed an accreditation program which evaluates the quality of these and other critical elements of an echocardiography laboratory. The Stern Cardiovascular Center Echocardiography laboratory has been recognized for its commitment to high quality patient care and its provision of quality diagnostic testing.