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Practice Development Committee webinar

The Practice Development Committee is hosting their quarterly webinar series. The Q2 webinar topic is, "Developing your personal brand and building a reputation as an interventional radiologist: challenges, tips and tricks." Join the webinar on Thursday, July 13, at 8 p.m. ET, and gain expert knowledge from Barbara Nickel Hamilton, MD, FSIR; Ari J. Isaacson, MD, FSIR; and Dianne B. Keen, FRBMA, on how to promote yourself as an IR physician and develop your professional reputation that will serve you well, regardless of your practice setting. Register [here](#).

Take the Private Practice Advisory Committee (PPAC) survey.

The PPAC is seeking input from SIR members to prioritize important issues and develop or expand resources to address them. The link will be active until Wednesday, July 5. Your responses to this survey will help us gather valuable data on practice models and challenges you face. Thank you in advance for your participation. Take the survey [here](#).

Exclusive contracts and carve-outs for interventional radiology services

In response to member needs, SIR assembled a working group of members representing diverse practice model types to review our 2015 position on exclusive contracts. During the spring SIR Board of Directors meeting, the board approved [an updated position statement](#) on exclusive contracts and carve-outs reaffirming SIR's unequivocal support for independent IRs and their right to admitting privileges at hospital systems that hold exclusive contracts with other radiology groups.

Private Practice Advisory Committee (PPAC) and Venous Clinical Specialty Council (CSC) reviewed the IAC vein standards

The International Accreditation Commission (IAC) has proposed several revisions to its Vein Center Accreditation policy. The SIR PPAC and Venous CSC reviewed and provided comments on proposed revisions to the IAC Standards and Guidelines for Vein Center Accreditation. The IAC standards are reviewed periodically by the IAC Vascular Interventional Board of Directors and revised as needed. As a component of the accreditation process, proposed standards that have been approved by the board of directors are then posted to the [IAC website](#) for a public comment period. These proposed standards include changes to the current standards and/or the addition of new standards.

Scope of practice taskforce

SIR's newly formed Scope of Practice Taskforce will be working to create a clear and comprehensive practice policy statement that will empower our physicians regardless of their practice choice. Based on the SIR 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, the SIR Executive Committee has approved the creation of this taskforce to re-evaluate the current scope of practice and carveouts for IR services. Read "[Practice Parameter for Interventional Clinical Practice and Management" 2015 article](#)

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