

Advisory to Cardiology Technology Programs

RE: New Competency Profile

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The Committee on Conjoint Accreditation has accepted a revised competency profile for use in the accreditation of cardiology technology programs.

Accreditation surveys

The Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists *National Occupational Competency Profile* dated February 2007 will be used for accreditation surveys effective January 2008. This profile replaces the previous profile dated February 2005.

Programs scheduled for their regular survey in **2008 and later** must cross reference their program to the new profile as part of the evidence submitted with their Program assessment report (see Requirements for Accreditation, critical criterion 1.3).

Programs scheduled for their regular survey in 2007 may choose to cross reference to the new profile, and if so, will not be subject to the 2009 reporting requirement described below.

Reporting requirement

Accredited cardiology technology programs that were surveyed in 2007 must demonstrate compliance with the new competency profile by **30 June 2009**. These programs must submit a report to Conjoint Accreditation Services documenting their compliance with the major competency changes listed below. The report must include a cross reference of program components (didactic and clinical) to the major competency changes, and be accompanied by the relevant course outlines that validate the cross reference.

- General Competency 1.4 - Assess pacemakers and other implantable cardiac devices (competencies a-o)
- General Competency 1.5 - Obtain and analyze pacemaker trans-telephonic recordings (competencies a-d)

Programs that must submit a report of compliance will be contacted individually by a member of the accreditation secretariat.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about this change in the competency profile for cardiology technology.