

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ANGIOLOGY -

COMMISSION FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF VASCULAR CENTRES

MAIN CRITERIA for Accreditation according to **Guidelines - Int. Angiology 2009, 28:347-352**

Location: **University or Main General / Regional Hospital** with all supporting activities and specialties

A Vascular Centre may also be "multicentre" with one main centre and some satellites (particularly devoted to diagnosis and outpatient clinics) within its territory

Independent Vascular Medicine Service

Independent Vascular Surgery Service

Endovascular Activity provided by

- 1) Interventional Radiology
- 2) Vascular Surgery
- 3) Vascular Medicine
- 4) All of them

All acting along GLs and consensus clinical pathways

Laboratory Investigations provided by

- 1) Vascular Medicine
- 2) Vascular Surgery
- 3) Imaging Diagnosis Service / Radiology

Non invasive Vascular Laboratory must be under Clinical Management / Supervision

Dedicated Ward/s Medical - Surgical - Common

Dedicated Surgical Theatre with C-arm angiographic equipment and radiolucent table

cell-saver etc.

organ perfusion - LH shunt - extracorporeal circulation equipment

(independent or common service with Cardiac Surgery)

Fully Equipped Endovascular Unit dedicated to endovascular procedures *in alternative*

Hybrid Radio-Surgical Unit

Intensive Therapy Unit preferably both dedicated to Vascular / Cardiac patients - as an alternative
both must be available for use of vascular patients

High Dependency Unit

Outpatient Clinic/s managed by Vascular Medicine and Vascular Surgery (Clinical Management)
outpatient clinics may be also in adjacent hospitals (multicentre) cooperation with primary care physicians should be established

Day care facility for 1) medical treatment
2) endovascular procedures
3) day surgery

Emergency Service for both Diagnosis and Treatment provided 24h - 365d on call rota

CT - MR - DSA must be readily available on emergency base
CT and MR may be alternative but CT should be preferable **color coded duplex scanning**
must be readily available on emergency base

Cooperation with: Internal Medicine, Diabetology, Nephrology, Cardiology, Neurology,
readily available General Surgery, Cardiac Surgery etc

Appropriate Wokload for Conservative and Invasive Trearment acc. to Tab. I and II of Int. Angiol 2009

Database - Record keeping - Quality control - Audit of results