



SCCT Endorsement of Cardiovascular CT Training Courses Program Criteria

Cardiovascular CT Training Courses requesting SCCT endorsement must include the following elements:

1. The training course shall have been in existence for one year with a minimum of 20 participants trained by the time of application.
2. The training course curriculum, including detailed schedule, demonstrating the didactic elements as described in the ACCF/AHA clinical competence statement¹ must be submitted.
3. The training course must demonstrate that the participants have a mechanism to submit comments, evaluation and criticism of the training course.
4. The curriculum vitae of the training course director (and co-director, if applicable) must be submitted and must demonstrate scholarly work in the field of cardiovascular CT to possibly include publications, abstracts, relevant invitations to present teaching lectures, previous history of organizing specific cardiovascular CT related meetings, and leadership activities within SCCT.
5. The training course director(s) must be SCCT members in good standing. It is recommended that the faculty members be SCCT members as well, but this is not required.
6. Participants in the training course must have hands-on workstation experience with a maximum of two participants per workstation. Clinical correlation by invasive coronary angiography must be available for each of the cardiac CT datasets read.
7. The minimum amount of time allocated for the interpretation and discussion of each case is a total of 15 minutes which includes interpretation of the data and discussion.
8. The training course must provide upon completion of training, a certificate of course participation to include the following information:
 - Whether the training course participant was physically present and involved in the acquisition and interpretation of the case
 - Whether that patient's data was manipulated and reviewed by the training course participant interactively on post-processing workstations, with a maximum of two participants per workstation
 - The number of cases covered and completed and whether the cases were contrast or non-contrast cardiovascular CT studies
 - Whether correlation to invasive coronary angiography was available for each of the cases
 - The number of lecture hours and/or CME credits
9. A list of the cases read and interpreted, using anonymous patient listing or initials, or code number, etc., enumerating and identifying the indication and diagnosis for each component of training, should accompany the certificate giving credit for the cases, for future reference.

¹ Budoff MJ, Cohen MC, Garcia MJ et al. ACCF/AHA clinical competence statement on cardiac imaging with computed tomography and magnetic resonance. *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. 2005;46:383-402.