



### **2015 Revisions to 2014 ASHI Standards - Now Open for Public Comment**

The Quality Assurance and Standards Committee (QAS) has been working on updates to the 2014 ASHI Standards. There are a large number of recommended revisions, but we wish to draw your particular attention to the following:

A.2 - A new abbreviation section has been added

D.5.3.8 - A new section on Virtual Crossmatching has been added.

These proposed changes to the Standards have been submitted to the ASHI Board and the Accreditation Review Board (ARB) for review and comment. Now we seek your comments and suggestions.

Click [here](#) to view a redline version of the proposed 2015 Standards. Please carefully consider these proposed changes to the current standards and send your comments to [Deb Dupnik](#) at ASHI Headquarters no later than **September 5, 2015**.

QAS will respond to all comments received during the public comment period.

Please remember that the QAS Committee has certain constraints when responding to your comments. There are two that are noteworthy. First, the proposed standards may not be made more stringent based upon membership comments without a subsequent round of public comment; therefore, such comments will be deferred until the next round of revisions unless the comments are of extraordinary importance. Second, all ASHI Standards must be at least as stringent as the CMS (CLIA) regulations; therefore, proposals that advocate lesser stringency cannot be considered.

QAS has worked together to get the proposal to this point; now we need your input. All comments received will be addressed by QAS and our responses will be posted on the ASHI website later this year. We are most appreciative of your participation in the continual improvement process for the ASHI Standards. Thank you in advance for your time.