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Dear CMRTO members, sonographers and stakeholders:

Jan 1, 2018: Diagnostic medical sonographers now regulated with CMRTO - CMRTO is accepting applications for registration in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography

As you are aware, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has requested the College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO) to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers as a fifth specialty. The necessary regulations made under the Medical Radiation Technology Act come into force today, January 1, 2018.

Diagnostic medical sonographers are now regulated with the CMRTO. Under the new regulations, diagnostic medical sonographers must now be registered with the CMRTO in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography in order to represent that they are qualified to practise the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography in Ontario. Effective January 1, 2019, a person must be a member of the CMRTO (or another regulatory college authorized under the regulation) in order to be legally authorized to apply soundwaves for diagnostic ultrasound in Ontario. These requirements apply to all areas of practice of diagnostic medical ultrasound: general, cardiac and vascular sonography. Information on the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers, along with Frequently Asked Questions, can be found [here](#).

The CMRTO is now able to issue certificates of registration in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography to applicants who meet all the registration requirements as set out in the regulation. The registration regulation can be found [here](#), and the regulation adding soundwaves as a form of energy to the scope of practice of the profession can be found [here](#).

On or before December 31, 2018, sonographers may apply for registration with the CMRTO using one of two methods – either through the grandparenting provision or by successfully completing an approved educational program and an approved examination. After December 31, 2018, the grandparenting provision will no longer be available as a method of registration. The purpose of the grandparenting provision is to enable sonographers who received on-the-job training, or who completed an educational program which is not one of the approved educational programs, to become registered and authorized to work in the specialty in Ontario. Please note that in order to qualify for registration in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography, the CMRTO must receive your application and application fee no later than 4:00 pm on December 31, 2018.

The application process is an on-line application process and can be accessed [here](#). Applicants will want to review the '[Application Guide for individuals applying to the CMRTO in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography](#)', which sets out all the requirements for registration and the

documents that must be uploaded to the application, and provides helpful information about the application and registration process.

Further information about the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers in Ontario can be found on the CMRTO website [here](#).

Please inform all your sonography colleagues about the regulation of sonographers Ontario. Our goal as the CMRTO is to work with sonographers and MRTs to ensure a smooth and seamless implementation of diagnostic medical sonographers as a fifth specialty within the CMRTO. We have been working for many years to assist the MOHLTC in completing the public protection framework for medical radiation and imaging technology by including sonographers in the CMRTO. Welcome sonographers!

Sincerely,



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