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The CMRTO Council is responsible for the governance of the medical radiation and imaging technology profession in Ontario, ensuring public protection, and determining and meeting CMRTO's mission, direction, and objectives. Council is composed of CMRTO members representing the five specialties (radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance, and diagnostic medical sonography) as elected by the CMRTO membership at large, and members of the public who have been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.



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The following CMRTO members and members of the public have been elected or appointed to CMRTO Council for the 2018-2019 year.

Ebenezer Adiyiah

MRT(R)
District 3
radiography

Susan Allen

public member
Toronto

Nathalie Bolduc

MRT(R)
District 1
radiography

Elaine Bremer

public member
Orillia

Angela Cashell

MRT(T)
District 5
radiation therapy

Mary (Susan) Gosso

public member
London

Janice Hoover

public member
Markdale

Ray Lappalainen

DMS
transitional Council member
diagnostic medical sonography

Franklin Lyons

public member
Toronto

Jay A. Neadles

MRT(MR)(R)
District 8
magnetic resonance

Cathryne Palmer

MRT(T)
District 7
faculty

Wendy Rabbie

MRT(R)
District 2
radiography

Janet Scherer

MRT(R)
District 4
radiography

Scott Tracze

public member
Belleville

Carolyn Trottier

DMS
transitional Council member
diagnostic medical sonography

Martin Ward

public member
Orillia

Sandra Willson

MRT(N)
District 6
nuclear medicine

Under proposed By-law No. 60 ([see article below](#)), new electoral districts will be created to accommodate the addition of diagnostic medical sonographers into Council starting with the election in 2019.

Election of President and Vice President

Congratulations to Wendy Rabbie on being re-elected President, and Jay A. Neadles being elected Vice President at the June Council meeting. Wendy and Jay will hold these roles for one year.

In addition to the election of President and Vice President, Council appointed members to the CMRTO's seven statutory and four non-statutory committees. To learn more about the committees of Council and the individuals appointed to each of these committees, please visit the [Statutory Committees](#) and [Non-Statutory Committees](#) sections of the CMRTO website.



Wendy Rabbie
President



Jay A. Neadles
Vice President

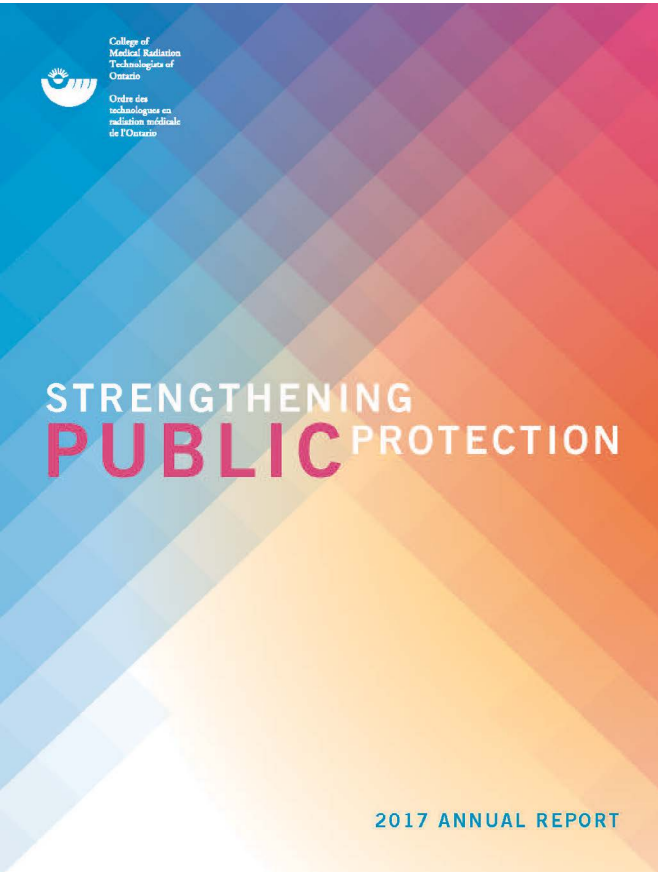
2017 Annual Report

Each year, the CMRTO publishes a comprehensive annual report that documents our activities, accomplishments and finances for the previous year for the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and we proudly share it with our members, stakeholders and the public. Please [click here](#) to view an online copy of Strengthening Public Protection, this year's annual report.

Council, committees and staff members worked tirelessly throughout 2017 to successfully develop and implement many important initiatives that are highlighted in this report, including:

- preparing to assume responsibility for the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers effective January 1, 2018 by amending the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, working with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to support and draft new regulations and policies, and developing the organizational infrastructure to receive and process applications from over 3,000 new applicants
- conducting extensive in-person consultations with MRTs and diagnostic medical sonographers across the province
- streamlining and enhancing our Quality Assurance program by moving to an online platform designed to improve compliance and facilitate member use
- implementing a new strategic plan – Commitment to Regulatory Excellence – that will guide us through the next five years

We hope that you will find time to read the annual report to see what Council, committees and staff were able to achieve in 2017.



Quality Assurance update

As you know, all CMRTO members are required to complete the QA ePortfolio and to complete and record at least 25 hours of continuing education and professional development activities each year.

As we have now passed the midway point of the QA year, you should have already started to enter data into your QA ePortfolio. At this point, your QA Profile and Self-Assessment should be complete, and some of the 25 hours of continuing education and professional development should be completed and recorded.

The CMRTO monitors members' participation in the QA program through the ePortfolio tool which provides general statistical data about members' participation in the ePortfolio. As of June 30, 2018, more than **60% of members had not yet started their 2018 QA ePortfolio**, while less than 5% had completed it:

QA ePortfolio Status, June 30, 2018	Number	%
Active members	7,321	
Members who have completed their 2018 ePortfolio	333	4.5%
Members who have started their 2018 ePortfolio	2,434	33%
Members who have not started their 2018 ePortfolio	4,554	62%

If you are among the almost 5% who have completed your 2018 ePortfolio, relax and enjoy the summer! If you haven't yet started your ePortfolio, then time is running short. You can access your 2018 ePortfolio through the Member & Applicant Portal (MAP) of the CMRTO website. [Click here](#) to login to MAP and start today!

Need a little help figuring things out? [Click here](#) to check out our 'Tips for completing your QA portfolio'.

Want a faster, easier way to record your activities? Download the CMRTO QuickQA App to a smartphone or tablet to help record your continuing education and

professional development activities in the ePortfolio in real time. [Click here](#) for more information on how to download the app to your device. Call Cathy at 416.975.4353 or 1.800.563.5847 or email qa@cmrto.org for your QuickQA password.

Update on the registration of diagnostic medical sonographers

Since January 1, 2018, the CMRTO has been registering diagnostic medical sonographers as the newest of the five specialities we regulate. To successfully integrate thousands of new members, CMRTO developed and implemented a robust review and evaluation process for all sonography applications in the first quarter of 2018. Now that all our staff have been hired and trained and our first online application process fully implemented, we are ramping up the review and approval process for diagnostic medical sonographers.

As of August 20th, there are 913 diagnostic medical sonographers who are either registered or approved for registration with CMRTO!

The following chart outlines the status of the applications received to date (August 20, 2018).

Submitted applications ready to be reviewed	1,378
Submitted applications under review by staff	979
Applications referred to Registration Committee for review	7
Total applications	2,357
Approved applications - eligible for registration	612
Registered in DMS - new members	225
Registered in DMS - active in another specialty(ies)	68
Registered in DMS - past member in another specialty(ies)	8
Total certificates in DMS	301
Total registered or approved for registration	913

If you have submitted an application and paid the application fee, it may take up to four months for CMRTO to complete the review and evaluation process given the complexity of reviewing each individual's skills, experience and education in detail to determine if they meet the registration requirements set out in the regulation made under the *Medical Radiation Technology Act* (MRT Act). Once your application has been reviewed, we will notify you about the status of your application and identify any additional requirements that need to be fulfilled.

Beginning January 1, 2019, anyone wishing to practise diagnostic medical sonography in the province of Ontario is required to be registered with the CMRTO. In addition, changes to the Controlled Acts regulation made under the RHPA come into force on January 1, 2019. Effective that date, only members of the CMRTO, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, College of Nurses of Ontario and College of Midwives of Ontario will be authorized to perform the controlled act of applying soundwaves for diagnostic ultrasound examinations. As a result, if you or anyone you know is currently practising or hopes to practise diagnostic medical sonography in Ontario after January 1, 2019, you must begin the application process immediately.

Please [click here](#) to start your application now. For more details on the application process and requirements, please review our [application guide](#).

Proposed By-law No. 60

The *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, gives the CMRTO the authority to make by-laws relating to the administration and internal affairs of the College.

These by-laws are the rules that govern how the CMRTO operates and include information on matters such as Council meetings, fees, professional liability insurance, elections, appointments, the information to be included on the register and the information to be provided to the CMRTO by all of its members.

In 2018, Council committed to review and update the by-laws to improve plain language and format. Updating

the by-laws was also part of the CMRTO's Transparency Implementation Plan. The goal is to take the current eight by-laws and combine them into one by-law that is more accessible and easier to understand to improve transparency.

As well, the by-laws needed to be amended to incorporate the CMRTO's fifth specialty, diagnostic medical sonography.

If approved, [proposed By-law No. 60](#) would replace [all existing CMRTO by-laws](#).

To review the proposed changes and additions in writing, please [click here](#). You may also review the changes via webinar presentation by [clicking here](#).

Under the Health Professions Procedural Code, the CMRTO is required to circulate certain by-law changes. In accordance with this legislated obligation and also to increase transparency and encourage input, proposed By-law No. 60 is being circulated for 60 days to members and stakeholders for comment.

Prior to finalizing the proposed changes, Council will carefully consider all comments, keeping in mind the CMRTO's mandate to protect the public.

The deadline for receipt of comments on proposed By-law No. 60 is **September 7, 2018**.

To view the consultation for By-law No. 60, please [click here](#).

Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act

The *Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act* (HARP Act) came into force almost three decades ago. During that time, considerable changes have taken place within radiation-based health professions, expanding beyond the practice of X-ray imaging to include the implementation of numerous energy applying medical devices.

In recognition of these changes, the previous Ontario government introduced the *Oversight of Health Facilities and Devices Act, 2017*, as Schedule 9 of the *Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017*.

This new legislation is designed to replace the *Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act*, expanding the current scope of regulated devices beyond X-ray machines to all existing and emerging energy applying and detecting medical devices (EADMD), including X-rays, CTs and fluoroscopy, MRIs, ultrasounds, and nuclear and molecular imaging devices.

Due to the recent change in government, it is not known when this statute will come into force. As a result, the HARP Act remains in force until such time that the OHFDA is proclaimed.

CMRTO will keep members updated on this significant legislation if and when it comes into effect.

Practice Essentials – your essential online resource

CMRTO [Practice Essentials](#) contains all of the standards, guidelines and information CMRTO members need in one easy-to-use and easy-to-understand publication. This online publication replaces the Standards of Practice Handbook – the binder that was sent to all members between 2011 and 2017.

This comprehensive document is divided into three main sections – Practice Requirements, Practice Guidelines and Legislation and Regulations – to provide CMRTO members with all of the information required to competently and safely practise medical radiation and imaging technology in Ontario.

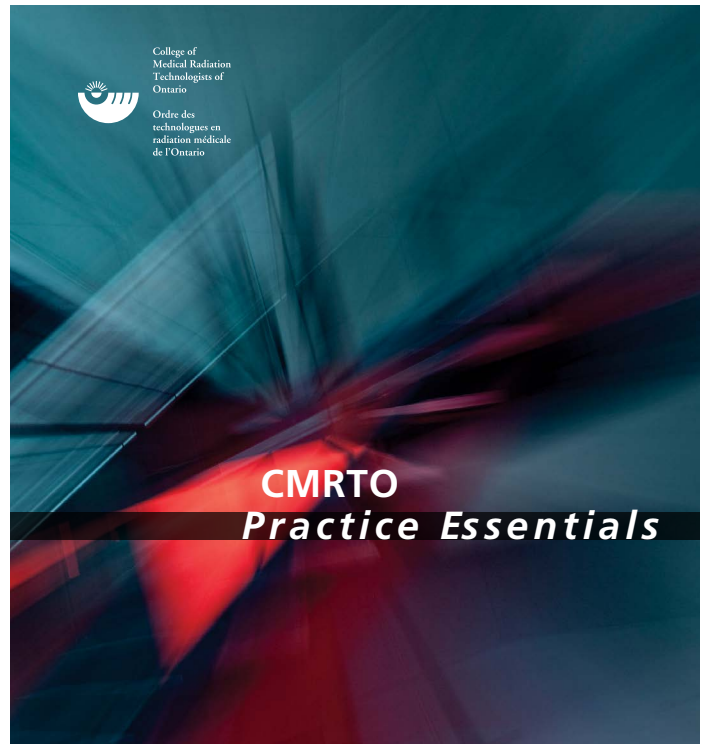
The Practice Requirements section contains the CMRTO Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics, and QA Program – foundational documents that outline expectations for all members in all five specialities.

The Practice Guidelines section includes all of CMRTO’s “What you must know about ...” publications that are designed to explain the legal requirements regarding the practice of members in plain language.

The Legislation and Regulations section links to the *Medical Radiation Technology Act, 1991*, and regulations made under the *Medical Radiation Technology Act* and the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.

As new publications are developed, new legislation comes into force, and regulations are amended that affect the practice of CMRTO members in all five specialities, the Practice Essentials publication will be updated.

Please visit the CMRTO [website](#) or bookmark this publication for easy access to Practice Essentials.



Did you know?

Did you know that the following learning activities can be recorded as part of your required 25 hours of continuing education and professional development activities for the QA program each year?

- professional readings
- seminars
- webinars
- conferences
- courses
- learning from other professionals (e.g. attendance at rounds, tutorials and staff meetings)
- training on new equipment, applications, procedures or software

- writing and delivering presentations, courses or clinical teaching
- research
- writing a professional journal article or paper

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Record of Continuing Education and Professional Development and the CMRTO's Quality Assurance Program.

Suspended members

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between June 1, 2018 and July 31, 2018 for failure to pay their fees in accordance with section 24 of the Health Professions Procedural Code.

A person whose certificate of registration has been suspended is not a member of the CMRTO unless and until the suspension is removed.

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VISION: The CMRTO is a future-focused, responsive, collaborative regulator committed to excellence.

VALUES: Integrity | Fairness | Transparency | Respect | Professionalism

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