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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

**CMRITO will hold elections in District 1 – radiography and District 2 – radiation therapy on April 1, 2021. A call for nominations will be sent to members in Districts 1 and 2 in December 2020.**

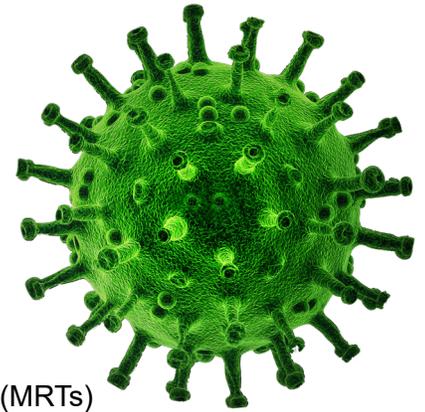
The election of professional members to the CMRITO Council is an important component of self-regulation. Council members set policies to ensure the safe, effective, and ethical practice of medical radiation and imaging technology services in the province and regulate the profession in the public interest.

If you're considering standing for election and serving on the CMRITO Council, it's important to be able to address issues in the public interest and be able to commit the required time, effort, energy and expertise for the entire three year term. You can also review the CMRITO Council member competencies and expectations [here](#). Additional information about Council, the election process and electoral districts can be found on the [Council](#) and [Elections](#) sections of the website.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

CMRITO continues to closely monitor the situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to the practice of medical radiation and imaging technologists (MRITs) and the services they provide to patients.

During this time, CMRITO is supporting MRITs' ability to provide safe, effective, and ethical medical radiation and imaging technology services, and helping them understand their professional obligations and accountabilities. Please remember that even during this difficult time, all medical radiation technologists (MRTs) and diagnostic medical sonographers (DMSs) must be registered with CMRITO to be legally authorized to practise the profession in Ontario.



Earlier this year, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Council approved amendments to the 2020 CMRITO Operational Plan initially approved by Council on December 6, 2019. Council determined that CMRITO should focus exclusively on essential regulatory initiatives and services for the balance of the year. As a result, all non-essential projects planned for 2020 were deferred or cancelled.

Instead, CMRITO is concentrating its efforts and resources in continuing to meet its essential regulatory functions, including registering as many qualified MRITs as possible. To that end, CMRITO:

- streamlined the reinstatement process for previous members who resigned within the previous two years
- suspended the late fee payment for members renewing their registration within three months after the due date, from March 1 to September 30, 2020
- issued a one-time COVID-19 pandemic fee credit of \$90 to all active members in March 2020
- cancelled the Multi-Source Feedback (MSF) assessment component of the Quality Assurance Program for 2020
- is holding all Council and Committee meetings by teleconference or videoconference
- is continuing CMRITO remote office operations until the end of March 2021, to be reassessed at that time

CMRITO recognizes the hard work of all MRITs in Ontario. You continue to provide essential services to the public with professionalism, expertise and empathy. Your skill and commitment make you model examples of what health care professionals should be. Thank you to everyone currently working through the COVID-19 pandemic, and to everyone who has taken on new or different responsibilities to support their patients, teams and facilities.

As circumstances change and new guidance is received from the Ontario government, we will keep you updated in future issues of Insights. For the latest information about CMRITO plans and activities, please visit the [News](#) page of our website and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#). For more information about COVID-19 and medical radiation and imaging technologists, please visit our [COVID-19 Information](#) webpage.

## MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2020-2021

The CMRITO Council is responsible for regulating the medical radiation and imaging technology profession in Ontario, ensuring public protection, determining CMRITO's strategic direction, and ensuring the College is meeting its statutory objectives.

Council is composed of members of the public who are appointed by the Ontario government and CMRITO professional members registered in each of the five specialties (radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance, and diagnostic medical sonography) as elected by the CMRITO members in their respective districts.

The following members of the public and CMRITO members were elected or appointed to CMRITO Council for the 2020-2021 year:

Wendy Rabbie, MRT(R) <i>President</i>	District 1 - radiography
Jay A. Neadles, MRT(MR)(R) <i>Vice President</i>	District 4 - magnetic resonance
Angela Cashell, MRT(T)	District 2 - radiation therapy
Zainool Dhalla, DMS, MRT(R)	District 5 - diagnostic medical sonography
Yasir Khalid, MRT(T)	District 6 - member at large
Caitlin McCabe	Public Member
Nilay Saha	Public Member
Victoria Romero	Public Member
Kieng Tan, MRT(T)	District 7 - academic councillor
Scott Tracze	Public Member
Martin Ward	Public Member
Sandra Willson, MRT(N)	District 3 - nuclear medicine

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You can find more information about Council, its role and activities, including the agenda material for all Council meetings, at [www.cmrto.org](http://www.cmrto.org).



For all of the latest CMRITO news and information, follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

## QUICKQA APP

CMRITO is pleased to announce the launch of our new and improved QuickQA app!

This free tool works with your QA ePortfolio using the same password you use to access your CMRITO Member & Applicant Portal (MAP) account, allowing you to record your continuing education and professional development activities on the go using your iPhone or Android devices.

Finished reading an article relevant to your practice? Completed an online course? Wrapped up training on a new piece of equipment? Reviewed updated infection control protocols for COVID-19? Simply open the app to record the learning activity and time spent completing it, enter what you learned and how you will apply this new learning to your practice, and then upload the information seamlessly to your ePortfolio. No more delays between completing your activities and logging them in your ePortfolio! You can even attach an image of any additional information you may want to save.



- First time users of the QuickQA app can simply download the app from the [Google Play Store](#) or the [Apple App Store](#), sign in with your CMRITO username and password, and start recording your learning activities today
- If you had already downloaded the previous version of the QuickQA app, the new version may automatically download the next time you update, depending on your device settings. If you have saved information in a previous version of the app, this will be preserved when updating
- Make sure your device's operating system is up to date to ensure that the app will install properly. You may also need to give permission for the app to use specific functions on your device for the app to work properly. If this happens, please accept when prompted

If you run into any issues installing the QuickQA app, or interfacing with your ePortfolio, please contact a member of our Quality Assurance team by email at [qa@cmrito.org](mailto:qa@cmrito.org) or by phone at 416.975.4353 or 1.800.563.5847.



## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

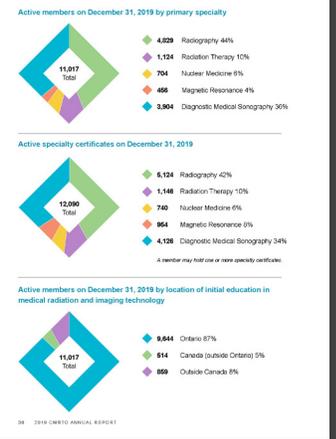
Each year, the College is required by legislation to publish a comprehensive annual report for the Minister of Health that documents the College's activities, achievements and audited financial statements. We also proudly share the annual report with our members, stakeholders and the public.

The 2019 Annual Report of the College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO) was released in early June 2020. This was the last Annual Report of the CMRTO, as the College became the CMRITO with the proclamation of the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017* on January 1, 2020.

The 2019 CMRTO Annual Report signals the culmination of years of work by the Council, committees and staff to design and implement new initiatives intended to streamline processes for members and enhance our ability to protect the public.

The following are just some of the activities we completed in 2019:

- successfully completed the preparations for the proclamation of the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017*, including the full implementation of the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers as the fifth specialty of medical radiation and imaging technology
- regulated more than 11,000 medical radiation and imaging technologists as of December 31, 2018, including nearly 4,000 diagnostic medical sonographers
- moved to a fully online application system that simplifies the submission process for applicants and supports the important registration principles of transparency, objectivity, impartiality and fairness
- continued to implement changes to our Council composition to create a more balanced Council with equal numbers of professional and public members, and held our first Council election under the new electoral districts established in 2018
- updated our visual identity in anticipation of the coming into force of the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017* to include our acronym (CMRITO), a new visual symbol, and the words “Regulator of medical radiation and imaging technologists in Ontario” to describe in plain terms what the College does
- developed a new website to make it easier and faster for the public, members, applicants, and employers to find the information they are looking for in fewer steps and with greater clarity
- enhanced communication and interaction with members through multiple channels, including webinars, conferences, presentations, targeted email campaigns, updated publications, and social media posts

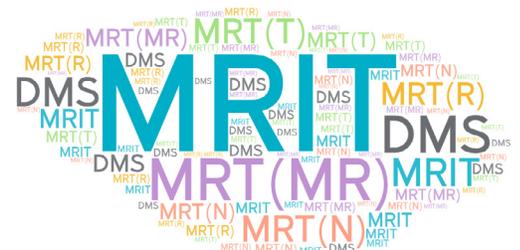


[Click here to view the 2019 Annual Report.](#)

## SPECIALTY ABBREVIATIONS AND PROTECTED TITLES

With so many designations used by so many organizations, it can be hard to know how or when to use your protected titles as a medical radiation and imaging technologist. On October 22, 2020, CMRITO Registrar & CEO Linda Gough presented a 20-minute webinar, entitled ‘How to Use Your Protected Titles’ and explained how and when MRTs and DMSs can and should use their protected titles. [If you missed the webinar, you can review a recording of it here.](#)

Don’t forget! You can record viewing this webinar as part of the 25 hours of continuing education and professional development activities required for your CMRITO QA ePortfolio.



## SPECIALTY ABBREVIATIONS AND PROTECTED TITLES

Specialty	Protected title	Abbreviation
radiography	medical radiation technologist – radiography	MRT(R)
radiation therapy	medical radiation technologist – radiation therapy or medical radiation technologist – radiation therapist	MRT(T)
nuclear medicine	medical radiation technologist – nuclear medicine	MRT(N)
magnetic resonance	medical radiation technologist – magnetic resonance	MRT(MR)
diagnostic medical sonography	diagnostic medical sonographer	DMS
MRIT Act protected title	medical radiation and imaging technologist	MRIT

### THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

Being a regulated health professional is a complex venture. As a result, we're happy when MRITs ask us to help them understand topics like practice standards, quality assurance requirements or the role and responsibilities of CMRITO in regulating the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology. In this new section of *Insights* called 'That's a good question!' we will answer some of the most frequent questions MRITs ask us.

#### Why doesn't the CMRITO advocate on behalf of MRITs or promote the profession, such as informing MRITs of Sonography Week or MRT Week?

As the regulatory body for MRTs and DMSs in Ontario, CMRITO's legislated mandate is to protect the public through the regulation of the profession. We do this by making sure that MRTs and DMSs are qualified to practice (i.e. registration) and are practising professionally (i.e. meeting the CMRITO's defined and enforceable Standards of Practice).

It would be a conflict of interest for the College to advocate for MRTs, DMSs or the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology. Advocacy is the role of the national professional associations – [Sonography Canada](#) and the [Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists](#) (CAMRT) – and the provincial professional association – the [Ontario Association for Medical Radiation](#)



**Sciences** (OAMRS). These organizations are responsible for advocating for the profession, providing education and conferences, providing support to individual members, and promoting the profession in initiatives such as Sonography Week and MRT Week.

While it is outside the legislated role for CMRITO to promote the profession, we believe our members use their extensive expertise to provide an essential, valuable service to the public on a daily basis, and that service should be acknowledged and appreciated. This can be seen



in our social media posts in support of Sonography Week and MRT Week.

To learn more about CMRITO's role and responsibilities as the regulator of medical radiation and imaging technologists in Ontario, please watch our [video about self regulated professionals](#). Similarly, there are many helpful and informative recordings on our [website](#) that can answer many of your questions – and remember, you can use the time spent watching our webinars and videos towards your QA ePortfolio hours!

## SUSPENDED MEMBERS

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between May 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020 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 CMRITO unless and until the suspension is removed.

05808	Bohdan Semko	13689	Melanie Nault
20080	Catherine Maclennan	20466	Nabeel Romani
05217	Donna M. Van Allen	11192	Omar Thabit
05519	Kelly Reekie	03985	Patricia A. Marlatt
19926	Lauren Harvey	18435	Sobia Danyal



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