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NOTICE OF ELECTION 2023

On April 1, 2023, CMRITO will hold an election in District 3 – nuclear medicine (incumbent Sandra Willson). A call for nominations will be sent to active members registered in District 3 this December.

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



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

SELECTION AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW REGISTRAR

At the March Council meeting, President Sandra Willson announced the retirement of CMRITO Registrar & CEO Linda Gough effective January 31, 2023. The search for a new Registrar is underway. The job posting can be viewed on the [Waterhouse Executive Search website](#).

WHAT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT ...

Our latest publication, *What you must know about ... illegal practice*, was released at the end of September and provides members, applicants, students, managers and employers information about:

- how regulation protects the public by ensuring that only qualified MRITs are registered with CMRITO and able to practise in the profession in Ontario
- how to spot illegal practice and what to do about it
- how students and applicants can avoid practising illegally before they are registered with CMRITO
- how managers and employers can ensure that the MRITs in their facility are registered with CMRITO

Earlier this summer, CMRITO also released the updated publication, *What you must know about ... performing procedures* and an accompanying webinar, which provide important practice information about:

- ensuring that the appropriate order authorizing the performance of a procedure, treatment or intervention is in place prior to performing that procedure, treatment or intervention
- performing procedures in accordance with the CMRITO Standards of Practice and within the scope of practice of the profession
- which regulated professionals are authorized to order specific forms of energy for medical radiation and imaging procedures (updated)
- fetal ultrasound for non-medical purposes

What you must know about ... performing procedures also includes a decision-making chart for performing a procedure – a practical and useful tool that medical radiation and imaging technologists will find helpful in carrying out their responsibilities.

Visit CMRITO's [Publications](#) page on the [CMRITO website](#) to read or download these documents and all of the College's practice guidelines, Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics, and other publications.

As well, please visit the CMRITO website to view our recent webinar recordings of [What you must know about ... illegal practice](#) and [What you must know about ... performing procedures](#) led by Registrar & CEO Linda Gough. Our [Videos and Webinars page](#) is a wonderful resource where you can access all the CMRITO educational videos. Remember, these resources can be used as part of your continuing education and professional development hours for your QA ePortfolio.



Follow CMRITO on social media for all the latest news and updates.



QUALITY ASSURANCE NEWS

WHY IS THERE A QA PROGRAM?

The CMRITO QA Program ensures that members are practising competently, safely and ethically by promoting continuing education and practice competence and improvement among members.

The practice of medical radiation and imaging technology is constantly changing. Members' professional roles, responsibilities and accountabilities will continue to evolve. The annual QA Program ensures that members reflect on their practice each year, and document all of the continuing education and professional development activities that they do to stay current and remain competent to practise.



Use the QuickQA app to document your CE & PD activities. All components of your QA ePortfolio must be completed by December 31st.

WHAT ARE MY OBLIGATIONS REGARDING THE QA PROGRAM?

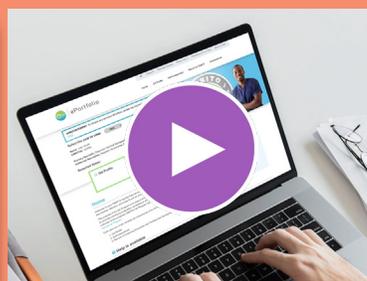
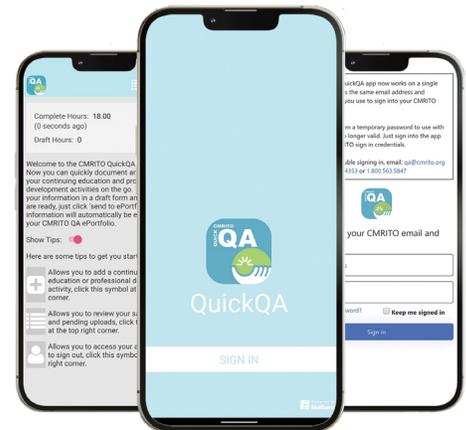
The QA Program is mandatory for all CMRITO members, who are required to complete their QA ePortfolio each year. Non-compliance with the QA Program can be considered professional misconduct and may be referred to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports (ICR) Committee for investigation. The ICR Committee can refer allegations to the Discipline Committee for a hearing.

To make it easier for members to complete their QA requirements, CMRITO updated the online QA ePortfolio in January 2022. Watch this [short video](#) to see how the new ePortfolio is quick and easy to use!

QUICKQA APP

Did you know that the QuickQA app was also updated in 2022? Use the app to record your continuing education (CE) and practice development (PD) activities instantly on the go from your mobile device. The QuickQA app seamlessly integrates with the CMRITO ePortfolio and allows you to easily transfer your education and development activities to your ePortfolio in the moment! Download the app for free at the [Google Play Store](#) or the [Apple App Store](#).

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the CMRITO QA Program.



Watch CMRITO webinars and other recordings on the CMRITO website

*they count towards your annual QA CE & PD activities

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

Being a regulated health professional is complex. 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 MRITs. In this section of Insights, we answer some of your most frequently asked questions.

My department has hired an MRIT 'assistant' or 'unregistered technologist' to assist with patient preparation and other tasks. Is this legal? What can/can't this individual do?

CMRITO protects the public by ensuring that only qualified MRITs are registered with CMRITO and able to practise the profession in Ontario. Some medical imaging or radiation therapy departments may need additional support in some areas and may use 'assistants' in their departments to fill employment and service gaps or to help with patient throughput. The roles and responsibilities of these positions are often hospital/facility specific.

The legislative framework permits individuals to work in a supportive role, provided that the individuals don't perform any of the clinical activities restricted to CMRITO members.

Unless the individual is registered with CMRITO, they are not legally authorized to apply a form of energy or perform any of the controlled acts authorized to CMRITO members.

Therefore, an assistant or unregistered technologist **cannot**:

- apply ionizing radiation to human beings
- apply electromagnetism for magnetic resonance imaging procedures
- apply soundwaves for diagnostic medical sonography
- administer substances by injection or inhalation
- perform tracheal suctioning of a tracheostomy
- administer contrast media or put an instrument, hand or finger,
 - beyond the opening of the urethra,
 - beyond the labia majora,
 - beyond the anal verge, or
 - into an artificial opening of the body
- perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis, including starting an IV



The 'unregistered technologist' or 'assistant' cannot perform any of the procedures listed above, even if the individual is doing so under the supervision of a CMRITO member.

Sometimes students who have recently completed an approved educational program in medical radiation and imaging technology are hired as 'unregistered technologists' while they are meeting all the remaining registration requirements to be registered with CMRITO. In this situation, the above restrictions still apply, and continue to apply until they are registered with CMRITO.

To learn more about this topic, please read CMRITO's [What you must know about ... illegal practice](#) publication and view the [What you must know about ... illegal practice](#) webinar.

THE CMRITO PUBLIC REGISTER OF MEMBERS – AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR EMPLOYERS

How do I verify an MRIT's registration status? Our Registration Team is often asked this question by employers seeking to confirm the status of the medical radiation and imaging technologists they employ.

Employers and managers may use the [public register of members](#) to verify the registration status of every MRIT that works in their facility and of individuals applying for MRIT positions. The public register contains the most current information on every active and past CMRITO member. Users can also search the public register by place of practice and download a list of members who have recorded that facility as their place of practice.

Public Register

The CMRITO's register of members contains information about members, some of which is available to the public. Since June 4, 2009, the CMRITO has been required to post the information in the register which is available to the public (the public register) on its website. As of September 1, 2013, additional information has become available on the public register as a result of amendments to the CMRITO's by-law. The public register allows the public to view certain information about a member and, in some cases, a past member, on the CMRITO website.

On rare occasions, the CMRITO receives reports that individuals who are not members may be seeking employment in medical radiation and imaging technology or holding themselves out as persons qualified to practise in Ontario as a member of the CMRITO. Click [here](#) for list of individuals who have sought out employment in medical radiation and imaging technology or have held themselves out as persons qualified to practise in Ontario as a CMRITO member.

Employers are strongly encouraged to use the public register to verify the membership status of every CMRITO member they employ.

Search the CMRITO public register by **First, Last or Practice** name or by **Place of Practice**.

[Search for Professional Health Corporations](#)

[Explanatory Note regarding Public Register](#)

Q Search by Member Name (First/Last/Practice name) or Place of Practice or Registration Number

Member Name

Place of Practice

Registration Number

SUSPENDED MEMBERS

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between July 1, 2022 and September 30, 2022 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 and cannot legally practice as a medical radiation and imaging technologist unless and until the suspension is removed.

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