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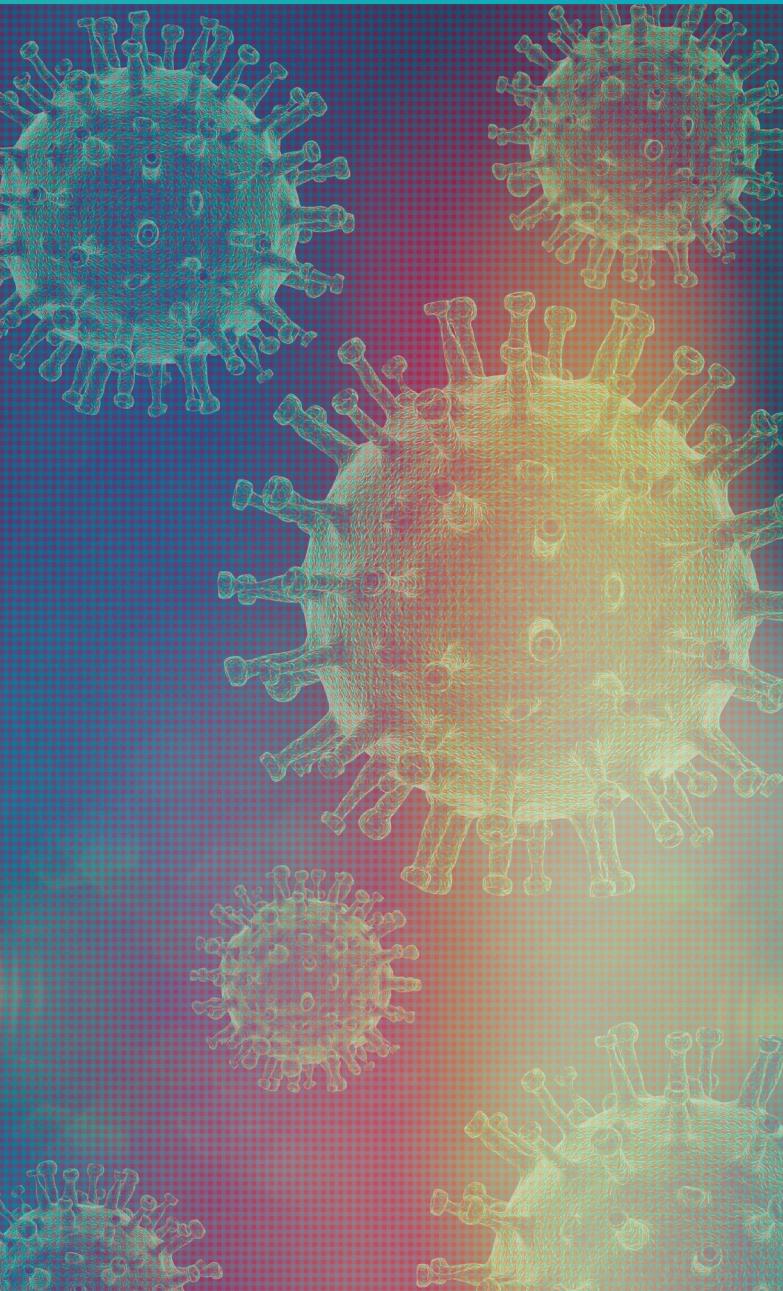
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## COVID-19 UPDATE

Over the past two months, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on CMRITO members across the province. As the Ministry of Health spearheaded efforts to control the spread of this virus, new directives shaped how hospitals, independent health facilities, and businesses across Ontario could operate.

For some, this meant a reduction in work hours and lay-offs. For others, this took the form of new roles and responsibilities to support your health care teams, including the complex rescheduling of patients for essential procedures. For others still, this meant performing procedures on the most critical COVID-19 positive patients and those awaiting their test results, long hours at work while wearing uncomfortable personal protective equipment, and more time away from your families to provide essential front-line services and to help flatten the curve in your communities.

CMRITO reacted to this situation by instituting new measures, shifting priorities, and enacting policies to ensure the continuation of CMRITO's regulatory obligation to protect the public, maintain our operations, and make things easier for our members during this trying time.

Our first efforts focused on postponing the Professional Practice Workshops led by Deputy Registrar Caroline Morris scheduled for the spring. Following the successful launch of this series with an event in Toronto in February, we had planned to bring sessions to seven other cities at various times in 2020.

At the same time, the Corporate Services team at CMRITO was working hard to ensure that our staff had the equipment and software required to operate remotely, which has allowed us to continue to support our members through processing registration renewals, resignations, reinstatements and applications, and continue to deliver on our mandate to protect the public.

On March 27th, the CMRITO Council approved a time-limited State of Emergency Policy for the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this policy is to:

- ensure that CMRITO's regulatory processes do not put an undue burden on its members or patients
- work collaboratively with the Ministry of Health to ensure an adequate supply of MRITs during the state of emergency
- continue to ensure the protection of the public through the regulation of the profession

**Even during this difficult time, MRITs must be registered with CMRITO in order to be legally authorized to practice the profession in Ontario**

This policy suspends the late fee for members renewing their registration from March 1st to September 30th, which provides members three months from their birthday to pay their annual renewal fees with no penalty. Steps were also taken to streamline the reinstatement process for anyone wishing to return to practice who had resigned within the past two years. Council also decided to suspend the QA multi-source feedback assessment for 2020, and determined that all Council and Committee meetings would be held by teleconference during the pandemic.

On April 3rd, at a special meeting, Council approved amendments to the 2020 Operational Plan approved by Council on December 6, 2019. As many of the regulatory best practice initiatives planned for 2020 are no longer feasible under the current state of emergency restrictions, Council determined that CMRITO should focus exclusively on essential regulatory initiatives and services for the balance of the year instead. As a result, all non-essential projects that were planned for this year have been deferred or canceled, including: in-person province-wide professional practice workshops, governance review, new strategic plan development, revised communication guidelines, and new patient information materials.

As MRITs across the province are facing difficult times responding to the current pandemic, the money set out in the budget to fund these non-essential projects and initiatives is being returned to CMRITO members in the form of a one-time COVID-19 pandemic fee credit of \$90 per member. We hope that this fee credit makes your life a little easier during this unprecedented time. For more information on this fee credit, please refer to the email sent to all active members by [communications@cmrito.org](mailto:communications@cmrito.org) on April 6, 2020.

CMRITO would like to recognize all of the MRITs in the province. Despite the current situation, 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 teams and facilities. Thank you as well to everyone who is sacrificing time with your families and loved ones to continue to do your important work for the communities you serve.

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](#) page.

## 2020 COUNCIL ELECTION

CMRITO is pleased to announce the results of the 2020 election of members to Council:

- Sandra Willson, MRT(N) was re-elected in District 3 – nuclear medicine

Sandra's three year term begins at the next Council meeting on June 11, 2020.

Congratulations to Sandra and all the candidates who stood for election this year!

It is a testament to the professionalism and commitment of CMRITO members who volunteer to participate in the regulation of the profession to ensure the public interest is protected. For more information about the CMRITO Council, the election process, or electoral districts, please visit the [Council](#) and [Elections](#) sections of the website or send questions to [election@cmrito.org](mailto:election@cmrito.org).



## PROTECTED TITLES AND ABBREVIATIONS

On Saturday, May 2nd, Registrar & CEO Linda Gough delivered a short online presentation to attendees at the Ontario Association of Medical Radiation Sciences' (OAMRS) Synergy Through Connection: A Virtual Education Summit.

The topic of Linda's presentation was protected titles and professional designations.

Now is a great time to review the protected titles and specialty abbreviations, as the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act* (MRIT Act) has come into force changing our name to the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario and the name of the profession to medical radiation and imaging technology.



The protected titles used by medical radiation and imaging technologists are outlined by the MRIT Act and the Registration Regulation, as noted below:

## PROTECTED TITLES AND ABBREVIATIONS

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

For more information about protected titles and their proper use, please view the [recording of Linda's presentation](#).

## SUSPENDED MEMBERS

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between March 1, 2020 and April 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.

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