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## 2022 COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the 2022 election of professional members to Council are in:

- **Anna Simeonov**, MRT(MR)(R) was elected by acclamation in District 4 – magnetic resonance
- **Zainool Dhalla**, DMS, MRT(R) was re-elected by acclamation in District 5 – diagnostic medical sonography
- **Zaynab Muraj**, MRT(T) was elected in District 6 – member at large

Anna, Zainool and Zaynab's three year terms begin at the next Council meeting on June 16, 2022.

Congratulations to Anna, Zainool and Zaynab 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.



Anna Simeonov

*"I look forward to the opportunity to contribute in maintaining the high standards of our practice."*



Zainool Dhalla

*"I am very passionate about the DMS profession and feel it is important to have an experienced sonographer on the CMRITO Council."*



Zaynab Muraj

*"I would be honoured ... to use my skills and experiences to support the work and mandate of the CMRITO as a Council Member."*

## 2022-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

The College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario is excited to share our [2022-2024 Strategic Plan](#).

In the fall of 2021, Council and senior staff met virtually several times to reflect on the current regulatory and health care environment, and to review the CMRITO's mission, vision and values in order to develop a new roadmap for the next three years. The new 2022-2024 Strategic Plan was approved by Council in December.

Our Strategic Plan recognizes the challenges facing the health care system and medical radiation and imaging technologists after two years of unprecedented strain and overwhelming demands resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many more changes are still to come as public health restrictions are reduced, and expectations for a more equitable, diverse and inclusive society emerge.

The 2022-2024 Strategic Plan focuses on three key goals – evolving regulatory practices, maximizing communications impact, and increasing organizational capacity – to help the College deliver on its mandate to ensure the safe, effective and ethical practice of medical radiation and imaging technology and strengthen public protection in the province.



[Click here to learn more about the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan.](#)

## ADDITIONAL ORDERING AUTHORITY FOR CT AND MRI SCANS

Effective July 1, 2022, Nurse Practitioners (NPs) will be able to order computerized tomography (CT) scans and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans as a result of changes to regulations under the *Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act* (HARP Act) and the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA).

These changes to O. Reg. 543/90 (*X-ray Safety Code*) and O. Reg. 107/96 (*Controlled Acts*) will reduce unnecessary delays in patient care resulting from the need for multiple visits and lessen wait times to access care from authorized providers.

Nurse Practitioners are already authorized to order X-rays and ultrasounds. The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) has established standards for NPs to support safe practice when they become authorized to order CTs and MRIs. Please visit the CNO website for more information at [www.cno.org](http://www.cno.org).

As well, changes to the Controlled Acts regulation (O. Reg. 107/96) made under the RHPA will authorize members of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario who hold a certificate of registration in the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery to order MRIs effective July 1, 2022.

Stay tuned for more details about these practice changes in communications from CMRITO, including revisions to our 'What you must know about ... performing procedures for medical radiation and imaging technologists', prior to these regulations coming into force on July 1, 2022.

 **Visit the CMRITO Resources page to access CMRITO videos and webinars about important professional practice issues and professional accountabilities** 

## COVID-19 UPDATE

On February 10, 2022, Directive #2 for Health Care Providers was revoked by the Chief Medical Officer of Health. The revocation of this directive reflected the health care system's capacity to begin cautiously and gradually resuming non-urgent and non-emergent surgeries and procedures in public hospitals. Click [here](#) to read the memo from the Chief Medical Officer of Health outlining why this decision was made and [here](#) to read the COVID-19 Directive #2 Questions & Answers document. As well, [Directive #2.1](#) was updated to help maximize hospital system capacity and provide care to the most patients possible.

You can find the latest information and updates provided by the Government of Ontario and the Chief Medical Officer of Health on our [COVID-19 Information page](#).

We remind MRITs to follow the direction and guidance of your place of employment regarding the resumption of procedures and services in your facility.

CMRITO Council and committee meetings will continue to be held remotely by Microsoft Teams, and staff will continue to work remotely until further notice. The College will continue to provide updates on developments and Ministry initiatives regarding the COVID-19 pandemic that affect your practice.

## THE NEW QA EPORTFOLIO AND QUICKQA APP

On January 1, 2022, CMRITO launched the new and improved Quality Assurance ePortfolio! The new version is more streamlined, has an improved user interface and allows you to monitor your progress more easily throughout the year.



You can access the new QA ePortfolio through your [Member & Applicant Portal \(MAP\)](#) account – there is no need for you to change your login information.

New features of the QA ePortfolio include:

- easy access to the QA Profile, Self-Assessment and Record of Continuing Education and Professional Development (CE&PD) sections through clickable boxes in the dashboard
- a helpful dashboard at the top of every page that tracks your progress toward completing your annual QA requirements in real time
- short instructional videos in each section with tips and examples to help you complete each piece
- a summary table of all your CE&PD activities for quick reference
- links to your QA ePortfolios prior to 2022 can be found in the announcement box directly above ‘Select the year to view’

CMRITO has also developed a new and improved version of the popular QuickQA app that seamlessly integrates with the new QA ePortfolio, allowing you to record your continuing education and professional development activities quickly and easily on your mobile device.

Completed training on new equipment? Read an article relevant to your practice? Finished an online course? 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 transfer the information to your ePortfolio. It’s never been easier to record your CE&PD activities!

The new Quick QA app is now available for free in the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store](#). If you’ve already downloaded and have been using the previous app, it should automatically update within a few days of the release. If it doesn’t, you can go to the Google or Apple store, search for the app, and click on “update” to manually trigger the update to install.

If you run into any issues installing the QuickQA app, or you have any other questions about the QA ePortfolio, please contact 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 for assistance.

## REMINDER – ACCESSING MAP AND UPDATING YOUR MEMBER AND PRACTICE INFORMATION

The [Member & Applicant Portal \(MAP\)](#) is a secure, self-serve hub available on the CMRITO website. It enables members to manage their registration and update their practice and personal information. MRITs can reinstate or resign their registration; update their place of practice, address and personal information; request out of province labour-mobility certificates and letters of good standing; request a change of name; and access their tax receipts. As well, the entire application process, whether for a new applicant or for an active member to add a new specialty to their certificate of registration, can be completed entirely online!



**Don't forget to update your practice and personal information with the College within seven days of any change of email address, place of employment, phone number, or other changes!**

CMRITO members are required to update their practice and personal information with the College within seven days of any change in home address, place of employment or other changes. Some of this information, such as your place of employment, appears in the [Public Register](#) and is updated in real time. The Public Register is your proof of registration status, and a quick and easily accessible method for your employer or members of the public to confirm that you are a registered member of CMRITO and legally authorized to practise the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology in Ontario.

In addition, MRITs are required to provide the CMRITO with an email address that is unique to them and that they check regularly. You can update your email address quickly and securely using the MAP.

Spring is a great time to demonstrate your accountability as a self-regulated health professional by ensuring that all of the information in your profile, including your practice information, is complete and up-to-date. Click here to access your [MAP account](#). Please note that it's best to use Google Chrome when accessing MAP as not all features function properly in other browsers.

## THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

*Being a regulated health professional is a complex role. 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 MRIT profession. In this section of Insights called 'That's a good question!' we will answer some of your most frequently asked questions.*

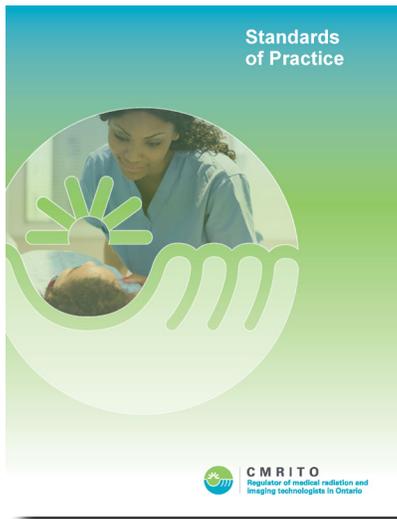
**As a CMRITO member, can I perform procedures in another specialty of medical radiation and imaging technology, even if I'm not registered in that specialty?**

A member registered in one specialty can perform procedures in another specialty, provided that certain conditions set out in the legislation and the CMRITO Standards of Practice are met. The legislative framework governing the practice of CMRITO members enables MRITs to learn new skills and support the development of new procedures and processes, while also ensuring the effective, safe and ethical delivery of medical radiation and imaging technology services to patients.

All CMRITO members have a term, condition and limitation on their certificate of registration that they can only practise in the areas of medical radiation and imaging technology in which they are educated and experienced. CMRITO members do this every day by ensuring that their practice meets the legislative requirements and standards of the profession.

The [CMRITO Standards of Practice](#) reflect the knowledge, skills and judgement that members need in order to perform the services and procedures that fall within the scope of practice of the profession. The Standards of Practice require that MRITs are competent to perform any procedures they undertake, and that they have the





knowledge, skills and judgement to perform any procedure safely, effectively and ethically. As well, they must be able to manage any outcomes resulting from that procedure to ensure safe, effective and ethical outcomes for the patient.

As a self-regulated health professional, you are in the best position to determine which procedures you are competent to perform, and you are ultimately responsible to ensure that you are competent to provide the medical radiation or imaging services required by patients within a particular practice setting. If you are not competent to perform a procedure, then you must not perform it and must take appropriate action to address the situation.

Members can attain the competencies necessary to perform a procedure in another specialty in a number of ways including on the job training, supervised clinical training from a colleague member who practices in that specialty, theoretical course work or by completing a post-graduate certificate program offered by an educational institute or professional association.

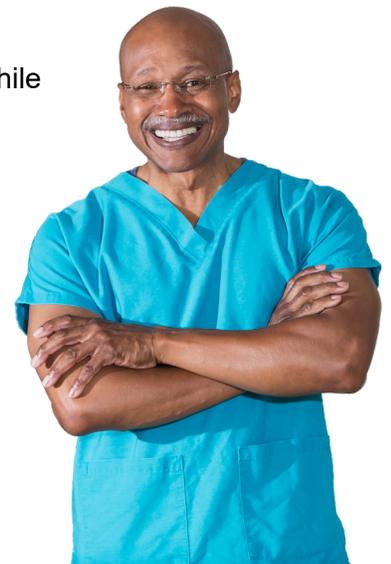
Members are also responsible for meeting any training or qualifications required by their workplace to perform procedures in that practice setting. MRITs and facility administrators are encouraged to keep records of any additional education and training completed.

Some examples of CMRITO members performing procedures in another specialty include:

- An MRT(N) who practices in PET/CT and also applies ionizing radiation to patients for CT procedures in the diagnostic imaging department
- An MRT(T) who applies electromagnetism for magnetic resonance imaging while administering radiation therapy using an MR-Linac machine
- An MRT(R) who practices in a breast screening centre who performs mammography examinations and applies soundwaves for breast ultrasound examinations

Although members can perform procedures in another specialty, the title and abbreviations you use must correspond to your specialty(ies) of registration. Only members of CMRITO registered in a particular specialty are legally authorized to use that specialty title in Ontario.

If you have questions about this article or other professional practice matters, please contact [practiceadvice@cmrito.org](mailto:practiceadvice@cmrito.org).



## SUSPENDED MEMBERS

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between October 1, 2021 and February 28, 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.

19304	Andrew McClure	13973	Muhammad Ali Sarfraz
21273	Ashley Andrade	18043	Olena Sagura
14226	Corinna Mau	19873	Qiong Cao
17296	Hassan Naeimi Hashkavaei	18385	Viktoriya Dmytrenko
17929	Mahmoud Mohamed Elithy	16340	Wen Min Rita Luo
21326	Mehdi Aslani	19818	Xiaoxi Wang

## RECENT CMRITO VIDEOS

Standard of Practice #5:  
Relationships with  
patients

Caroline Morris MRT(MRVR)  
Deputy Registrar & Registration Director

November 25, 2021



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