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INTRODUCING CMRITO COUNCIL MEMBERS 2022-2023

The terms of the new CMRITO Council members started at the Council meeting on June 16, 2022. Council also elected the President and Vice President for the coming year, and appointed Council members and non-Council members to the CMRITO committees.

The following individuals were elected or appointed to the CMRITO Council for the 2022-2023 year:

Sandra Willson, MRT(N), President	District 3 – nuclear medicine
Amanda Lee, MRT(R)(MR), Vice President	District 1 – radiography
Zainool Dhalla, DMS, MRT(R)	District 5 – diagnostic medical sonography
Ovais Iqbal	Public Member
Ramesh Makhija	Public Member
Caitlin McCabe	Public Member
Zaynab Muraj, MRT(T)	District 6 – member at large
Derek Ribeiro, MRT(T)	District 2 – radiation therapy
Victoria Romero	Public Member
Nilay Saha	Public Member

Anna Simeonov, MRT(MR)(R)

District 4 – magnetic resonance

Manjit Singh Saini (Bhondhi)

Public Member

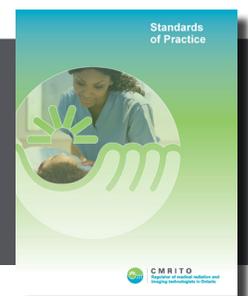
Kieng Tan, MRT(T)

District 7 – academic councillor

Council is the governing body of CMRITO and is responsible for regulating the medical radiation and imaging technology profession in Ontario and ensuring public protection. Composed of members of the public appointed by the Ontario government and elected professional members registered in each of CMRITO's five specialties (radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance, and diagnostic medical sonography), Council determines the College's strategic direction and ensures that CMRITO meets all its statutory objectives. More information about Council, its role and activities, including the agenda material for all Council meetings, can be found at www.cmrito.org.



The CMRITO Standards of Practice set out the professional practice expectations for MRITs. They reflect the knowledge, skills and judgement that MRITs need in order to provide safe, effective and ethical outcomes for their patients.



COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Council re-elected Sandra Willson, MRT(N) as President, and elected Amanda Lee, MRT(R)(MR) as Vice President at the June Council meeting. Sandra and Amanda will hold these roles for one year.

Thank you to Sandra and Amanda for taking on these key roles within the CMRITO Council, and for bringing their experience, skills, and knowledge to these important leadership positions.



Sandra Willson



Amanda Lee



Kieng Tan

ACADEMIC COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT

At its meeting on May 12, 2022, the Executive Committee re-appointed Kieng Tan, MRT(T) as the academic councillor effective June 16, 2022, in accordance with CMRITO By-law No. 60. Kieng's term expires in June 2025.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At its June meeting, Council appointed members to CMRITO's statutory and non-statutory committees. To learn more about College committees and the public and professional members appointed to each of them, please visit the [Committees page](#) on the CMRITO website.



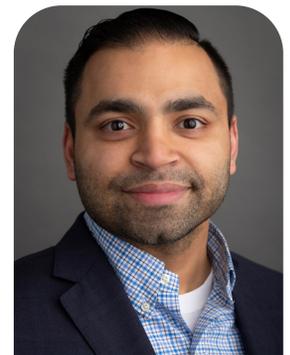
RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS

On June 16, 2022, the terms of two professional Council members came to an end.

YASIR KHALID

Yasir Khalid was elected to Council in 2019 as the College's first member at large in District 6. He served on the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports, Nominating, and Finance and Audit Committees.

In addition to serving the public of Ontario through his work with CMRITO, Yasir demonstrates his commitment to the profession and the cancer community through his research, involvement in community outreach programs such as the development of a cancer awareness campaign in partnership with the Peel District School Board,



Yasir Khalid

and as a Patient Advisor to the Ministry of Health Surgical Innovation Group, Virtual Care Equity Task Force, and Health Workforce Task Group. Yasir has twice been a recipient of the “Golden Proctor Award” at the Peel Regional Cancer Centre.

Council is pleased that Yasir will continue to serve as a Non-Council Committee Member on the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee. Thank you, Yasir, for your many contributions to the profession on Council.

JAY A. NEADLES

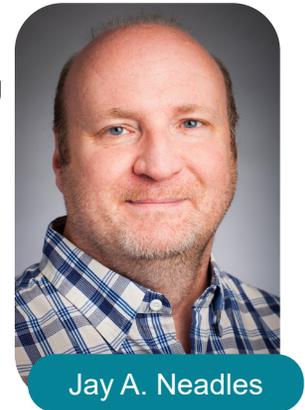
Jay A. Neadles ended his nine-year term on CMRITO Council and his four-year tenure as Council Vice President in June 2022.

Jay was first elected to Council in District 4 – magnetic resonance (previously District 8) in 2013. Since that time, he has been a member of various CMRITO committees including the Executive, Patient Relations, as well as Chair of the Finance and Audit and Discipline Committees. Jay participated in various working groups including the College’s first Governance Task Group and the Sonography Implementation Group.

Jay has practised for more than 30 years in the specialty of magnetic resonance. His long and productive career includes working as both an MRI Research and Charge Technologist at St. Josephs Healthcare, as well as the MRI Team Leader and Safety Officer at Halton Healthcare, where he continues to work. Jay has always had a keen interest in MRI Safety and has brought this focus to Council and the College’s work.

Council is pleased that Jay will continue to serve as a Non-Council Committee Member on the Discipline and Finance and Audit Committees.

Thank you, Jay, for your years of outstanding leadership on Council, dedication to the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology and commitment to public protection.



2021 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 our Annual Report with our members, stakeholders and the public.

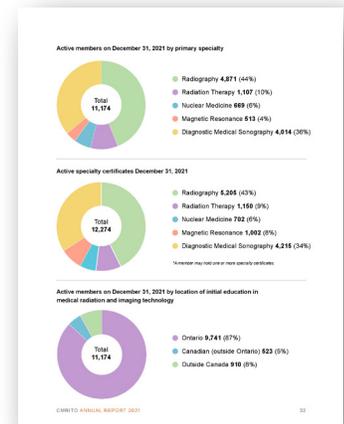
The COVID-19 pandemic ensured 2021 was another challenging year for all of us. The Annual Report summarizes the important work and initiatives that Council, committees and staff successfully developed and implemented in 2021. The Annual Report also provides a snapshot of the number and details of CMRITO registered members at the end of the year.



This year's report highlights the following:

- CMRITO's Governance review
- Strategic Plan 2022-2024
- COVID-19 and its impact on the practice of MRITs and CMRITO operations
- the updated QA ePortfolio
- communications efforts in 2021
- Committee reports

You can read the [2021 Annual Report](#) here.



COVID-19 UPDATE – END OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVES

On June 8, 2022, the province's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, issued a statement confirming the end of most of Ontario's masking requirements on June 11, 2022. Dr. Moore also announced that the remaining emergency Directives would be revoked and replaced with Ministry of Health guidance for health care workers and organizations, which were issued on June 10, 2022.

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. The College will continue to provide updates on developments and Ministry initiatives regarding the COVID-19 pandemic that affect the practice of medical radiation and imaging technologists.

QUALITY ASSURANCE NEWS

CMRITO's mandatory Quality Assurance (QA) Program is designed to ensure that all members maintain their competence in an ever-changing health care environment. The QA ePortfolio is very flexible and permits members to direct their own continuing education and professional development activities in topics that interest them and benefit their current practice area(s).

The peer and practice assessment component of the QA Program has been conducted on a randomly-selected group of members by means of a Multi-Source Feedback (MSF) assessment which requires a self-assessment, peer and co-worker assessments, and patient assessments using a survey tool based on the CMRITO Standards of Practice. The MSF assessment has been on hold since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic due to the difficulties in maintaining infection control practices while asking patients to complete paper feedback surveys of their MRIT.

One of the initiatives in the strategic plan for 2022 is to review and update the CMRITO peer and practice assessment, including the MSF assessment. The QA Committee and staff will be working on this initiative throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information about the new peer and practice assessment in the future.



QA EPORTFOLIO ASSESSMENTS

This year, 2,282 members have been randomly selected to submit their 2022 QA ePortfolios for assessment. These members were notified by email on May 12, 2022 of the requirement to submit their 2022 QA ePortfolios for assessment no later than January 6, 2023.

Were you selected? If so, there will be a reminder alert on your CMRITO Member & Applicant Portal (MAP) and a copy of the QA assessment notice in the 'QA Notices' section. You'll also see a 'Submit' button on your 2022 QA ePortfolio dashboard. When you've completed all three sections of your QA ePortfolio and are ready to submit it for assessment, just click the 'Submit' button.

Submit

TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR QA EPORTFOLIO

The QA ePortfolio and the QuickQA App were updated this year to make it easier to record your continuing education and professional development activities and complete your self-assessments. One important change to note is that you'll need to click the 'Finish' button to lock in your entries once you have completed each section of the QA ePortfolio. Clicking this 'Finish' button tells the system that you will not be making any more changes to your QA ePortfolio.

Finish

But don't worry; if you want to edit your QA ePortfolio, you can do so by clicking the 'Reopen' button, making your changes, and then clicking 'Finish' again!

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 MRITs. In this section of Insights we will answer some of your most frequently asked questions.



What imaging exams are Nurse Practitioners authorized to order?

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) have been authorized to order x-ray examinations and diagnostic ultrasound for a number of years. As of July 1, 2022, NPs are now authorized to order computerized tomography (CT) scans and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans.

Changes to regulations O. Reg. 543/90 (X-ray Safety Code) made under the *Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act* (HARP Act) and O. Reg. 107/96 (Controlled Acts) made under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA) authorizing NPs to order CT and MRI scans, have been made by the Ministry of Health to reduce unnecessary delays in patient care resulting from the need for multiple visits and to lessen wait times to access care from authorized providers.

The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) has established standards for NPs to support safe practice when ordering x-rays, ultrasounds, CTs and MRIs. Please visit the CNO website at www.cno.org for more information.

MRITs who perform CT or MRI examinations on the order of an NP or other authorized health care professional will continue to follow the protocols and medical directives established in their departments regarding the administration of contrast media and other authorized acts to support the performance of the procedure.

'[What you must know about ... performing procedures](#)' has been updated to reflect these changes to the ordering authority for CT and MRI examinations and is now available on the CMRITO website.

CMRITO will be hosting a lunchtime webinar on What you must know about ... performing procedures on Wednesday, August 10th at 12:15 pm. Please [click here to register to attend](#) this helpful and informative session led by CMRITO Registrar & CEO Linda Gough.

CMRITO IS NOW A VIRTUAL ORGANIZATION

Effective May 2, 2022, the CMRITO office has permanently moved to a remote workplace. Although we have become a virtual organization, there is no change in how you contact us. You can still reach us by email and telephone, or through the [contact section of our website](#).

The CMRITO office first moved to remote operations with to the declaration of a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Since that time, staff have been working remotely from their homes and all Council and statutory committee meetings have been held by videoconference.



Over the past few years, the College has taken many steps to enable our transition to an online workspace, including:

- proactively invested in office practices, emerging technologies and equipment
- shifted to electronic communications
- migrated our database and systems to the Cloud
- implemented electronic agendas for Council and committee meetings
- introduced secure business software for business communications, collaboration, document sharing, project management and videoconferencing

All of these changes have enabled the College to deliver on its commitment to increased transparency and accountability to the public through the live broadcast of Council meetings via webinar.

Council has approved the sub-leasing of the office space at 300 - 375 University Avenue, Toronto and hopes the College will recover most of its office rental costs through this initiative.

CMRITO SUPPORTING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY

The CMRITO Vision as set out in the [Strategic Plan 2022-2024](#) states that the ‘CMRITO is an effective and collaborative regulator committed to transparency, equity, diversity and inclusion.’

To support this vision and the College’s strategic initiative to review our existing programs and practices to ensure that they support equity, diversity and inclusion, we are pleased to announce that CMRITO is now an Employer Partner with the [Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion \(CCDI\)](#).



CMRITO Council, committee members and staff now have access to the extensive resources and expertise of CCDI to support this important work.

SUSPENDED MEMBERS

The following members’ certificates of registration were suspended between March 1, 2022 and June 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.

20793	Anjali Aggarwal	21227	Nicole Leuverink
13922	Evan R.W. Smith	20645	Shazia Jabeen
20336	Hassan Gorji	21223	Steven Chu
20559	Mohammad Taher		



Access professional practice standards and guidelines online at www.cmrito.org



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