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## WE'VE CHANGED OUR NAME!

**We have a new look and a new name!** The *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017 (MRIT Act)* came into force on January 1, 2020 and changed the CMRTO's name to the **College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO)**, and the name of the profession to **medical radiation and imaging technology**.

This exciting change also meant we launched a new website and new web address. You can now find us at [www.cmrito.org](http://www.cmrito.org). Bookmark us on your browser for easier access to the information you need.

Our email addresses have changed too. You can now email us at the domain [@cmrito.org](mailto:@cmrito.org). CMRITO staff and program contacts will still receive emails

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sent to our old addresses for the next few months but be sure to update your address book and add our new email addresses to your safe sender list.

We're now on [Twitter](#) as [@TheCMRITO](#) and on [Facebook](#) as the [College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario](#). If you haven't already, 'Like' and 'Follow' us to keep up on all the College's latest updates and activities.



**College of Medical  
Radiation & Imaging  
Technologists of Ontario**

The CMRITO team is working diligently to incorporate our new name and visual identity on our publications. The newly designed Standards of Practice were released on January 1, 2020 and further changes are coming to other publications throughout 2020.

## ELECTION 2020

All CMRITO members have the opportunity to participate in electing the professional members of the Council which governs the CMRITO. The six elected members of Council share collective responsibilities for providing leadership, direction and governance to all of the members of the CMRITO who practise medical radiation and imaging technology in Ontario in order to serve and protect the public interest.

There is one district open for election this year – district 3, nuclear medicine. If you hold a specialty certificate in nuclear medicine (primary or secondary) then you are eligible to vote in the election.

**In order to be counted, your vote must be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. using the link in the email sent to you on February 28, 2020.**

There are four candidates standing for election in district 3:

- Rania Arabi, MRT(N)(MR)
- Redon Hoxhaj, MRT(N)
- Marzena Palermo, MRT(N)
- Sandra Willson, MRT(N)

If you have any questions about the CMRITO election process or the 2020 election, please visit the [Election Process](#) page on the CMRITO website or contact CMRITO Election at [election@cmrito.org](mailto:election@cmrito.org).



# CMRTO IS NOW THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL RADIATION AND IMAGING TECHNOLOGISTS OF ONTARIO!

Below is a news release put out by the College about our official name change to CMRITO.

NEWS RELEASE

JANUARY 1, 2020



**CMRITO**  
Regulator of medical radiation and  
imaging technologists in Ontario



*Toronto, January 1, 2020 - The College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO) is pleased to announce that it is now the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO).*

*The Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act (MRIT Act) came into force on January 1, 2020, replacing the Medical Radiation Technology Act (MRT Act). The MRIT Act changes the name of the College and changes the name of the profession to medical radiation and imaging technology to encompass the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers by the College, which began in 2018.*

*“We are excited to continue our work in regulating over 11,000 medical radiation and imaging technologists as the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario,” notes Linda Gough, CMRITO Registrar & CEO. “Thank you to the government of Ontario for enhancing public protection and ensuring the regulatory framework is consistent for all areas of medical radiation and imaging technology through the Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act.”*

*“The coming into force of the Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act and the evolution of the CMRTO into the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario is a seminal moment in the regulation of medical radiation and imaging technologists (MRITs) in the province,” says CMRITO President Wendy Rabbie. “Now the public can be assured that MRITs in all five specialties – radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance, and diagnostic medical sonography – are qualified to practise and are providing safe, effective, and ethical care to Ontario residents.”*

*To reflect this change in name, the College has developed a new visual identity that provides additional clarity and transparency to the public and our members. This new logo includes an updated symbol, the acronym CMRITO, and a descriptor that explains our role as the regulator of medical radiation and imaging technologists in the province.*

*Our transformation into the CMRITO marks the end of a long journey to bring diagnostic medical sonographers into the same public protection framework as the other four specialties of medical radiation and imaging technology. The College's Council members and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the College's logo, website, and key publications like our Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics, and Quality Assurance Program reflect this important change. Further updates to other publications and resources will continue in the coming months.*

*To watch a short video explaining the changes at CMRITO, please [click here](#).*

*Please visit [www.cmrito.org](http://www.cmrito.org) to learn more about CMRITO's transformation and to access additional information for the public, CMRITO members, applicants, and employers.*

*Have any questions about this? Please contact [communications@cmrito.org](mailto:communications@cmrito.org), or call 416.975.4353 or 1.800.563.5847.*

## 2019-nCoV (CORONAVIRUS OR COVID-19)

The College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO) is closely monitoring the situation with the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) as it relates to the practice of medical radiation and imaging technologists (MRITs) and the services they provide to patients. As regulated health professionals, MRITs are accountable to their patients and the public to provide safe, effective and ethical medical radiation and imaging technology services. Members of the CMRITO do this every day by ensuring that their practice meets the legislative requirements and standards of the profession in all types of practice situations, including during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

As MRITs are aware, there are effective infection prevention and control measures in place across the Ontario health system, especially in the hospitals, clinics and cancer centres where MRITs practise. In addition, MRITs are required to use appropriate infection control procedures in the course of the diagnostic or therapeutic procedure being performed (CMRITO Practice Standard #4, Safe Practice, indicator *m*). Your place of employment sets the appropriate infection control procedures in accordance with the requirements set out by Public Health Ontario. You can protect your patients from the risk of infection by:

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- Applying hand hygiene principles
- Choosing appropriate measures to prevent and control infection transmission such as wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensuring all equipment is cleaned appropriately
- Understanding and applying your workplace's organizational policies about infection prevention and control
- Working with your employer to develop new policies as needed
- Following the best practice recommendations set out by Public Health Ontario

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created challenging times for patients and the health care professionals

who are involved in their care. Recent advice from some health regulators to their members recommends limiting non-essential or elective treatment to patients during the current pandemic. While this may be appropriate for some professions that provide non-essential health care, MRITs are reminded that they have an obligation to act in the best interests of their patients at all times regardless of the type of illness the patient may have. As a result, CMRITO suggests that every MRIT review with their employer or manager the protocols in place for providing medical radiation and imaging technology services to their patient population to ensure that patients continue to receive the necessary safe, effective and ethical medical radiation and imaging technology services required for their care.

## CMRITO MOVING TO REMOTE OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, CMRITO will be operating remotely as of March 18, 2020 until further notice. The decision to move to a remote operations model was made to ensure business and regulatory continuity, maintain staff health, and prevent possible service disruptions.

The systems we have in place allow us to continue to provide our full range of services and operate with minimal disruptions, none of which will affect our public protection mandate. As a result, members will continue to be able to renew their registration with CMRITO using our [online registration process](#), and applicants will be able to apply for registration using our [online application process](#). Similarly, all other departments will continue to help members and provide assistance to the public of Ontario.

During this time, however, we will not be holding walk-in visits or accepting courier packages.

If you require CMRITO assistance, please contact our staff as usual via email and/or telephone at 416.975.4353 or 1.800.563.5847. We will provide you with a response within two business days.

In addition to moving to a remote operations model, CMRITO is taking further steps to ensure our continued operations during this state of emergency including:

- Holding all Council and statutory committee meetings by teleconference
- Postponing the spring professional practice workshops to the fall
- Cancelling travel to meetings and conferences
- Postponing the QA multi-source feedback assessments to later in the year

Thank you to all of our members for your dedication and service to the public of Ontario. As integral members of Ontario's health care system, we recognize that MRITs are on the front lines of infection control, and are proud of your commitment to deliver the critical health care services you provide during this extraordinary time.

Please continue to keep well by following the infection control processes and protocols implemented by your hospitals and clinics, and stay aware of any COVID-19 developments by monitoring the [Ontario Ministry of Health](#) and [Government of Canada](#) websites.

For additional information on CMRITO operations as it becomes available, please visit the [CMRITO website](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Take care and stay well.

## SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINE HEARING

The Discipline Committee is responsible for holding hearings related to professional misconduct and incompetence matters referred by the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee.

In February 2020, a discipline hearing was held. A summary of that hearing is set out below and now appears on the member's public register profile.

### SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINE HEARING – PATRICK M. JEW

On February 7, 2020, a panel of the Discipline Committee (the Panel) found Patrick M. Jew to have committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

- engaged in conduct or performed an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable, or unprofessional; and
- practised the profession while his certificate of registration was suspended, at Georgetown Hospital, Halton Healthcare, on or about January 22 and 23, 2019.

The hearing proceeded by way of an agreed statement of facts. The Panel accepted a joint submission on penalty and made the following order:

- that Patrick M. Jew be required to appear before the Panel of the Discipline Committee to be reprimanded on February 7, 2020;
- that the Registrar suspend Patrick M. Jew's certificate of registration for a period of one month, from April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020; and
- that Patrick M. Jew pay the College's costs in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), payable by certified cheque, on February 7, 2020.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE WORKSHOPS

Deputy Registrar Caroline Morris conducted the first CMRITO professional practice workshop in Toronto on Saturday, February 22, 2020 and the event was a great success. The Toronto workshop was the first of eight workshops being given across the province focusing on professional practice, the CMRITO Standards of Practice and patient and family focused care.

Using interactive discussions and case studies, the workshops cover the accountabilities and practice expectations of each CMRITO member as a self-regulated health professional. Attendees also examine patient communication best practices and participate in exercises where they share their expertise and discuss with colleagues about how to provide compassionate patient and family-focused care.



The workshops are free of charge to CMRITO members and include a light morning snack and lunch. Due to considerable demand, space for these sessions is extremely limited. Only CMRITO members who have registered and received a registration confirmation message and present their photo ID at the registration desk will be admitted to the workshops. Each workshop covers the same material. We therefore ask that members only attend one of the eight workshops to ensure there is room for all members who wish to take advantage of this learning experience.

We're thrilled with the response we've received from CMRITO members in Toronto and are looking forward to the additional professional practice workshops being offered in the fall of 2020. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshops originally scheduled for the spring in Brampton, Ottawa and Sudbury are being rescheduled to the fall. Registration for these will open one month before the scheduled date of the workshop — so please watch for email and social media notifications of the dates. You can also visit the [Events and Presentations](#) page on the CMRITO website to see updates to locations and schedules.

Don't forget — completion of the workshop counts for five hours of learning activities towards your 2020 QA ePortfolio!

## SUSPENDED MEMBERS

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between December 1, 2019 and February 29, 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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