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imaging technologists in Ontario

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The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) recently issued a new position statement on 'Discontinuing the Use of Gonadal and Fetal Shielding for Patients'. This communication confirms for Ontario MRTs that there have been no changes to the provincial legislation or the CMRITO Standards of Practice and MRTs must continue to comply with facility policies regarding the use of radiation protection devices, including shielding.

CMRITO members are reminded that:

- MRITs in Ontario are required to comply with provincial legislation and the CMRITO Standards of Practice regarding their practice, including the use of radiation protection devices, and there are no changes to these standards
- MRTs in the specialty of radiography applying ionizing radiation to patients for diagnostic procedures are still required to 'use radiation protection devices and other patient protection devices as required' (CMRITO Practice Standard 3, indicator m) and 'make use of appropriate shielding devices' (CMRITO Practice Standard 2, indicator k)
- the CMRITO Standards of Practice require MRITs to comply with facility policies
- each facility's radiation protection officer is responsible for matters related to the safe operation of x-ray machines under the Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act (HARP Act), and the departmental policies and procedures of your place of employment determine what radiation protection devices are required for each specific examination
- proposed changes in care provision should be addressed at the departmental level through your managers and radiation protection officer, and should be consistent with the policies and procedures of your facility, per CMRITO Practice Standard 6
- as acknowledged in their patient shielding FAQ, CAMRT is not the authority that determines shielding practice within a province or facility – MRTs must work within the standards set by their regulatory body and their facility's policies and procedures
- before sharing any external resources with patients that may be contrary to the radiation protection requirements set out in your departmental policies and procedures, MRITs should consult with their managers and radiation protection officers

If you have questions regarding the CAMRT Position Statement, please contact the CAMRT. If you have any questions regarding your practice as an MRIT in Ontario, please contact the CMRITO at practiceadvice@cmrito.org.

We trust that this communication clarifies that there are no changes to the provincial legislation or the CMRITO Standards of Practice regarding the use of radiation protection devices that require your attention or any change in your current practice.