



# 2012 Annual Activity Summary

## About the Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRTRC)

AMRTRC is an alliance of six provincial medical radiation technologist (MRT) regulators who have come together to ensure public protection by further advancing MRT regulation and standards, regulatory issues and patient care

Officially incorporated on September 28, 2011, AMRTRC is an organization with six members – all of whom are MRT regulators. Individually, these regulators are responsible for ensuring safe, quality, professional, competent imaging and radiation therapy services in their respective jurisdictions. This is achieved through the regulation and licensing of MRTs which helps ensure that MRTS practice in accordance with defined practice, competence, conduct, ethical and professional standards. AMRTRC members also endorse professional development, and encourage and promote excellence in patient care.

Together, AMRTRC members hope to address and evolve MRT regulation and regulatory issues to enhance safe, competent and ethical care for Canadians.

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### GOALS OF AMRTRC:

- Develop, promote and evaluate common standards between jurisdictions.
- Encourage and promote standardised regulatory policies and procedures.
- Facilitate communication and information sharing.
- Facilitate MRT mobility between regulated jurisdictions.
- Support other provincial/territorial MRT organizations in their pursuit of MRT regulation.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## KEY PROJECTS

### AMRTRC Board of Directors

Alain Crompton, President

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Kathy Hilsenteger, Treasurer

Linda Gough, Secretary

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### Hybrid Imaging Survey

AMRTRC conducted a nationwide survey of medical radiation technologists who operate hybrid imaging equipment. The results of this survey provide information on the number of hybrid imaging units in use in each province, who is operating them and what kind of education MRTs have received in order to operate the hybrid imaging units. This information, gathered through December 31, 2012, will be critical in assisting the provincial regulators to develop policies on the use of hybrid imaging equipment. Outcomes stemming from a thorough survey analysis will be included in the 2013 Annual Activity Summary.

### Labour Mobility

AMRTRC is actively involved in the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) issue and has created a Certificate from the Out-of-Province MRT Regulatory Authority Under the AIT to support the automatic recognition of credentials between regulated jurisdictions.

### Symposium: Regulating the Sonographer

First proposed in November of 2012, the AMRTRC planned its first Symposium, which was held on March 19, 2013, in Toronto, Ontario. A full report on this successful event, "Symposium: Regulating the Sonographer", will be included in the AMRTRC's 2013 Annual Activity Summary.



## STRATEGIC MEMBERSHIPS/ACTIVITIES

### Canadian Network of National Associations of Regulators (CNNAR)

AMRTRC joined CNNAR in 2012 and Alain Crompton and Linda Gough attended the CNNAR conference in Ottawa, Ontario, in November. The President of AMRTRC is the official AMRTRC representative to CNNAR.

### Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) Conference

Alain Crompton and Kathy Hilsenteger attended this conference in San Francisco, California (USA) and shared their findings with AMRTRC members.

### Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT)

AMRTRC recognizes the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) as a key stakeholder and holds its Spring meeting to coincide with CAMRT's annual conference.

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## ROUNDTABLE OF REGULATORY ISSUES

Opportunities to share information pertinent to regulators across Canada are regularly provided during AMRTRC Board meetings. These informative sessions, known as a Roundtable of Regulatory Issues, allows members to update other AMRTRC members, leading to the heightened awareness related to regulatory trends, the possibility of assisting in problem-solving, and the identification of projects and activities for AMRTRC in the future.

A summary of the issues raised during these roundtable discussions follows:

- ACMDTT and OTIMRO are individually performing a review of the Nuclear Medicine competency profiles regarding hybrid imaging
- SAMRT had filed an application for a change of name to Saskatchewan College of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapeutic Technologists.
- CMRTO shared responses to CAMRT's Best practice Guidelines and Competency Profiles.
- OTIMRO is revising the diploma programs and new examination process
- ACMDTT is updating its hybrid imaging position statement.
- ACMDTT successfully obtained funding from Health Canada to complete a three-year research project on internationally educated MRTs in order to improve their success in becoming registered. The scope is Alberta-specific but they also plan to involve other regulatory bodies and CAMRT.
- ACMDTT, in consultation with stakeholders, is reviewing its scope of practice.
- SAMRT applied for a second phase of government grants on developing an assessment process for international applicants with the CAMRT. They are also developing an online application for internationally educated MRTs.
- SAMRT has implemented an administrative fee for those writing the CAMRT exam.
- CMRTO has implemented the individual practice assessment component of its QA (continuing competence) program. An online tool for MRTs to complete their annual self assessment, and record their 25 hours of continuous learning activities, will be available in 2013.





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ability to affect safe,  
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radiation technology  
regulation.*

- The CMRTO's professional misconduct regulation was amended to give CMRTO more authority to require members to cooperate with CMRTO's processes and Committees, such as Quality Assurance and Inquiries, Complaints and Reports.
- CMRTO implemented mandatory on-line renewal of registration in June 2012.
- CMRTO's Council is commencing a governance review.
- OTIMRO is reviewing the legislation regarding accepting MR technologists from other provinces by creating a restricted license for MR only.
- OTIMRO is in the process of bringing electro-physiologists into OTIMRO.
- OTIMRO implemented a new competency profile with a new examination in May 2013. They have established a multimodality focus group to look at hybrid imaging made up of MRTs, managers, educators.
- NBAMRT has officially opened its first office with staffing. A review of its administrative processes was undertaken.
- NBAMRT held a complaints and discipline workshop.
- NBAMRT is creating a readiness to practice committee for remediation for members.
- NSAMRT hired a firm to provide administrative support and now offers an online registration renewal process.
- NSAMRT is working with the Nova Scotia Ministry of Health in its review of the utilization of MRTs and services across districts.
- NSAMRT is involved in the Nova Scotia government's network of health regulatory organizations. This network is formalized in legislation as a resource for sharing expertise related to regulatory processes.



## CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

As a newly incorporated organization, AMRTRC's Board of Directors is performing activities of due diligence to ensure AMRTRC is compliant with federal law, regulations, and the AMRTRC's own By-Laws and operating principles. AMRTRC held its Annual Members' Meeting in 2012. It also appointed Hilborn LLP as its auditor. Additionally, AMRTRC has developed a Governance Handbook and Schedule, agreed on Rules of Procedure, and has approved a budget for 2013.

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## STRATEGIC PLAN

In November of 2012, AMRTRC's Board of Directors participated in a strategic planning session. This session was held with the understanding that the current trend is a shift from focusing on the well-being of the organization to that of the "health and well-being of the community". In that context, the Board then focused on its ability to affect safe, competent, and ethical care for Canadians in the evolution of MRT regulation as it addresses regulatory issues.

The following strategic directions and strategic goals were identified:

### Strategic Direction #1

AMRTRC is committed to responsible and accountable governance and management.

#### Strategic Goal

- To develop a governance framework

### Strategic Direction #2

AMRTRC promotes awareness and understanding of the role of the MRT regulator through education and communication.

#### Strategic Goals

- To develop a communications strategy
- To ensure continued Board development

### Strategic Direction #3

AMRTRC is the voice of MRT regulators in Canada.

#### Strategic Goal

- To be a portal/source of information for internationally educated MRTs

### Strategic Direction #4

AMRTRC ensures the safe and ethical practice of MRT's by promoting excellence in regulatory practices.

#### Strategic Goals

- To encourage standardization of policies
- To support and promote a secure fair competency based certification exam
- To support the accreditation of educational programmes in medical radiation technology for entry to practice

### *2013's Annual Activities*

*Summary will report on the Hybrid Imaging Survey and the successful*

*"Symposium:*

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*Sonographer".*

# Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRTRC)

## Members:

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic & Therapeutic Technologists (ACMDTT)

College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO)

New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NBAMRT)

Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NSAMRT)

Ordre des technologies en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec (OTIMROEPMQ/OTIMRO)

Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (SAMRT)



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**Ensuring public protection and enhancing patient care.**

Medical radiation technology (imaging and radiation therapy) are vital components of modern healthcare. Imaging results help doctors diagnose health and medical conditions, while radiation therapy helps treat some of those conditions. The health professionals who perform these crucial tests and administer radiation therapy are medical radiation technologists (MRTs).

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