



Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada

Alliance des organismes de réglementation des technologues en radiation et en imagerie médicale du Canada

2022 Annual Summary

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The Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRITRC), also known as the “Alliance”, is a federally incorporated organization of the seven current provincial regulators. The Alliance’s main purpose is to bring together organizations that have the legislative authority for regulating practice of medical radiation and imaging technologists with the goal of enhancing safe, competent, and ethical care in the public interest. The Alliance was formed with a focus on public protection and patient safety by advancing excellence in regulation. Nine years following incorporation, the Alliance continues to work to achieve the following goals:

- Encouraging and supporting communication and information sharing
- Developing, promoting and evaluating common standards
- Facilitating MRIT mobility between regulated jurisdictions
- Encouraging and promoting standardised regulatory policies and procedures
- Supporting provincial MRIT organizations in their pursuit of MRIT regulation

Alliance members are regulatory bodies that work to ensure that MRITs practice legally in the province/territory of their choice, meeting mandatory licensing/registration requirements, passing standardized exams, following specified practice, conduct, competence, and ethical standards, participating in professional development and renewing their licenses/registration annually.

Thanks to MRIT regulators, Canadians can expect safe, quality, competent and professional MRIT services (e.g., nuclear medicine scans, X-rays, MRITs, radiation therapy) from regulated MRIT professionals.

The Alliance’s first in-person meeting—the Internationally Educated MRT Symposium 2022—since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020 was held in September 2022. Read more about the Symposium on page 2.

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The IEMRT Symposium was held on September 19-20, 2022, at the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO) in Toronto. The event had been in planning stages as the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020 and was eagerly anticipated by the Alliance with its Symposium partner, the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT).

Alliance President Linda Gough and CAMRT CEO Irving Gold chaired the event with many excellent presentations and topics for discussion, including:

- CMRITO's Caroline Morris provided a national snapshot of assessment/regulation requirements with all Alliance members sharing updates from their provinces
- CAMRT's Carrie Bru and Mikki Campbell presented a (Re) Introduction to the National Competency Profile for Entry-Level MRTs in Canada (along with companion documents), followed by a review of CAMRT's Certification Exam Process and IEMRT Performance
- The National Guidelines for the Assessment of Credentials of IEMRTs (2012) were reviewed for potential amendments and confirmation of congruency with national guidelines
- A discussion on Language Proficiency Standards for IEMRTs followed
- Dr. Ian Bowmer presented "Assessment in the 21st Century—Concerns We All Face"
- Valentina Al Hamouche shared "Perspectives on Challenges and Possibilities for IEMRTs"
- Carrie Bru overviewed the current state of IEMRT supports and resources
- The Symposium concluded with Think-Tank Time—Innovations and Possible Solutions: Improving Access for IEMRTs

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

The Alliance continued its focus on information-sharing during 2022, with these recurring topics

- Canadian Comparison Chart of Regulators and Associations for MRITs — updated annually, published on Alliance website
- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) Certificate — supports labour mobility and registration practices for individual regulatory bodies
- Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation (CNAR) — Julie Avery continued to serve as the Alliance’s representative until October 27th, when Debbie Schatz assumed the role
- Focus on governance — annual review of Governance Summary and Handbook, along with (Re)Orientation for Alliance Directors
- Cross-Country Information-Sharing — Board meetings and monthly virtual chats provide opportunities for members and guests from not-yet-regulated jurisdictions to provide updates on MRIT regulation, e.g., the inclusion of diagnostic medical sonographers (DMS), internationally educated MRITs, and updates on governance modernization efforts

NATIONAL NETWORK

The Alliance continues to be a member of the National Network, a coalition of organizations with a shared interest in the MRT profession in Canada. The National Network includes provincial regulators and associations, and nationally, CAMRT, Sonography Canada, and the Alliance.

NEW ALLIANCE MEMBER AND TRANSITIONS

- Caroline Bélisle of OTIMROEPMQ left her role in November 2022, with the new Executive Director and Registrar announced in 2023
- President Linda Gough announced her retirement from CMRITO as its Registrar and CEO, effective February 28, 2023. Linda was instrumental in the formation of the Alliance, along with Alain Crompt and Kathy Hilsenteger. AMRITRC was incorporated in 2011 and it has, as one of its overarching goals, ensured that the Alliance is well-resourced and has the capacity to do the work that will support Alliance members. Linda’s effective and heart-felt leadership will be missed.



AMRITRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ♦ Julie Avery, NSCMIRTP
- ♦ Caroline Bélisle, OTIMROEPMQ,
- ♦ Linda Gough, CMRITO
- ♦ Bernard Plourde, CAHPPEI
- ♦ Christine Power, NBAMRT
- ♦ Debbie Schatz, SAMRT
- ♦ Pree Tyagi, ACMDDT

AMRITRC OFFICERS

- Linda Gough, President (to October 27, 2022)
- Julie Avery, President (as of October 27, 2022) and Secretary/Treasurer (to October 27, 2022)
- Pree Tyagi, Vice-President
- Christine Power, Secretary/Treasurer (as of October 27, 2022)

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Members:

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic & Therapeutic Technologists (ACMDTT)

College of Allied Health Professionals of Prince Edward Island (CAHPPEI)

College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO)

New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NBAMRT)

Nova Scotia College of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals (NSCMIRTP)

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

Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (SAMRT)



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