



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

2019 Annual Activity Summary

On March 15, 2019, our name officially changed to the **Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRITRC)**, recognizing the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers (DMS) as an added specialty, either fully regulated or work is underway to regulate DMS across the country. The Alliance brings together organizations that have the legislative authority of a Canadian province or territory for regulating practice of medical radiation and imaging technologists. It was formed to ensure public protection by advancing MRT regulation, professional standards, patient care, and regulatory issues. Seven years following incorporation, the Alliance continues to work to achieve the following goals:

- 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 MRT organizations in their pursuit of MRT regulation

Alliance members are MRT regulators, responsible for ensuring safe, quality, professional, ethical and competent imaging and radiation therapy services in their respective jurisdictions, helping to ensure that MRTs practice in accordance with defined practice, competence, conduct, ethical and professional standards.



AMRITRC met in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for the final regular meeting of 2019. That was followed by the National Network meeting and joining with the Manitoba Association of MRTs for its 90th anniversary celebrations.

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AMRITRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- ◆ Alain Crompt, OTIMROEPMQ, until May 31, 2019 and Caroline Bélisle from June 3, 2019
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AMRITRC's Board of Directors
November 21, 2019

AMRITRC OFFICERS

- Linda Gough, President
- Pree Tyagi, Vice-President
- Julie Avery, Secretary-Treasurer

RECURRING ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

Priority Planning

The Board includes an annual goal-setting exercise at its first meeting of the year which follows these consistent strategic directions:

- Engaging non-regulated provincial associations in advancing their progress toward regulation and Alliance membership
- Promoting safe and ethical practices of the profession through regulatory excellence
- Committing to responsible and sustainable financial and people resourcing to ensure capacity and continuity for strategic delivery

Canadian Comparison Chart of Regulators and Associations for Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists

This informative chart, which compares data from organizations across Canada for easy access to important information, including specialties regulated, numbers of members, registration fees, etc., is updated annually and can be found on the AMRITRC website.

Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) Certificate

The annual review of the CFTA certificate occurred again in 2018, providing an up-to-date resource for AMRITRC members to help facilitate registration practices for individual regulators.

Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation (CNAR)

Julie Avery serves as the Alliance's representative at CNAR. The Alliance also supports Julie's registration for the annual CNAR conference in addition to another member's attendance at this important event.

Cross-Country Information-Sharing

Each Board meeting includes the opportunity for members and guests from not-yet-regulated jurisdictions to provide updates on the regulation of MRTs in their province. This includes information about the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers (DMS). The Alliance has also written to the British Columbia government regarding its decision to regulate only "radiation therapists" through a multi-profession regulatory body, omitting the other specialities of MRT and DMS practice. Ontario's inclusion of DMS as registrants within the CMRITO was official as of January 1, 2019, with over 4,000 sonographers being added to CMRITO's membership.

HIGHLIGHTS

Focus on Governance

The Alliance has carefully focused on its organizational governance with a yearly-reviewed Summary and Handbook. The Alliance also holds an annual (Re)Orientation as it monitors trends in governance modernization.

Ongoing Issues

A non-exclusive list of key issues being addressed by the Alliance include the following: MR in Therapy Task Force (CAMRT), accreditation (EQual Canada), exams and labour mobility, regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers, and internationally educated MRTs.

NATIONAL NETWORK

The Alliance is a member of the National Network, a coalition of organizations with a shared interest in the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology in Canada; it includes provincial regulators, provincial associations, and nationally, CAMRT, Sonography Canada, and the Alliance. The National Network was formed to address issues of mutual interest and agree on collaborative activities and processes. Two meetings are held annually:

- Spring – Apr. 28, 2019, in Ottawa, ON: agenda items included “Blanket Exercise Workshop: The Indigenous Rights History”, Focus on MRT Mental Health: CAMRT, CSMLS and Sonography Canada Joint Mental Health Survey and presentation on “Building Resilience”, signing of the National Network memorandum of understanding
- Fall – Nov. 22, 2019, in Winnipeg, MB: agenda items included The “Marshmallow Challenge”, “Thinking Globally, Acting Locally”, presentation by Ximena Muñoz, Manitoba Fairness Commissioner, “National Network ‘101’”, and “Failing Forward”



*Official signing of the
National Network
Memorandum of
Understanding
April 28, 2019*

Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRITRC)

Members:

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic & Therapeutic Technologists (ACMDTT)

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

New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NBAMRT)

Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NSAMRT)

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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