



Alliance of Medical Radiation  
Technologists Regulators of Canada

Alliance des Organismes de Réglementation  
des Technologues en Radiation Médicale du Canada

# 2015 Annual Activity Summary

AMRTRC is the Alliance of the six current provincial medical radiation technologist (MRT) regulators. The Alliance was formed to ensure public protection by further advancing MRT regulation, professional standards, patient care, and regulatory issues. For four years as an officially incorporated organization, the Alliance has been working 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/territorial MRT organizations in their pursuit of MRT regulation

Alliance members are MRT regulators. Individually, they are responsible for ensuring safe, quality, professional, ethical and 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. Alliance members also endorse professional development, and encourage and promote excellence in patient care.



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## **STRATEGIC PLAN — 2015-2018**

The Alliance developed a new Strategic Plan for the next three years, with strategic direction outlined below:

1. The Alliance engages non-regulated provincial associations in advancing their progress to regulation and Alliance membership.
2. The Alliance promotes safe and ethical practices of the profession through regulatory excellence.
3. The Alliance commits to responsible and sustainable financial and people resourcing to ensure capacity and continuity for strategy delivery.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## THE ALLIANCE'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN — OVERVIEW

The Alliance Board of Directors has approved a new Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. It was recognized through that process that the Alliance was able to deliver significantly on the last plan's goals over the past three years. These included the following:

- Delivering Two major education and awareness initiatives
- Providing ongoing communications
- Offering education for the Board of Directors
- Benchmarking progress in regular reviews
- Publishing an annual summary of events

It was noted that the Alliance's vision and mission are stated in its goal of "ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the public through regulated MRT services and advocating MRT regulation across Canada". Strategic directions and corresponding goals flow from that statement.

The Board was able to focus on strategic initiatives to support the Plan. These initiatives are described as the "workhorse" of the Plan that answer the fundamental questions of "Why?", "What?", and "How?". They describe the fundamental and philosophical underpinnings of the Alliance with detailed direction to keep the Strategic Plan a living document.

Recognizing that the Alliance has the new three-year strategy, the Board can continue to accelerate the momentum of the initial strategy with a recognition that the Alliance has solidly established itself as an important member of the MRT community in Canada.

### AMRTRC Board of Directors

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## THE ALLIANCE’S STRATEGIC PLAN — DIRECTION AND GOALS

Strategic Direction	Corresponding Goals
<p>The Alliance engages non-regulated provincial associations in advancing their progress to regulation and Alliance membership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continue to ensure 100% Alliance membership for eligible provinces</li> <li>b. Provide higher levels of support to provinces seeking regulation</li> <li>c. Enhance public protection through provincial self-regulation</li> </ul>
<p>The Alliance promotes safe and ethical practices of the of the profession through regulatory excellence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage national standardization of policy and practice</li> </ul>
<p>The Alliance commits to responsible and sustainable financial and people resourcing to ensure capacity and continuity for strategic delivery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Create a funding model to ensure sufficient capacity</li> <li>b. Ensure sufficient human resources/other expertise to meet administration and technical needs of the Alliance</li> <li>c. Mitigate success and turnover risk on the Alliance Board</li> </ul>



# HIGHLIGHTS

## AMRTRC EDUCATION DAY

On November 1, 2015, in Vancouver, British Columbia, an education day was provided for MRT regulators and key stakeholders across Canada. The day focused on duties of regulatory bodies presented by AMRTRC members who have well-rounded expertise in healthcare professional regulation. The presenters have backgrounds in law and the practice of medical radiation technology.

The following are the sessions and presenters who provided for an excellent educational opportunity.

- ⇒ Registration: the power house of the college — Linda Gough (CMRTO)
- ⇒ Essentials of establishing a regulatory body—Kathy Hilsenteger (ACMDTT)
- ⇒ Developing regulatory tools—Chelsea Wilker (SAMRT)
- ⇒ Discipline process within the Quebec professional system—Emmanuelle Duquette (OTIMROEPMQ)
- ⇒ Professional misconduct, incompetence, incapacity, negligence and other issues—Tina Langlois (CMRTO)



# HIGHLIGHTS

**POSITION STATEMENT — HYBRID TECHNOLOGIES** (*available at [www.amrtrc.ca](http://www.amrtrc.ca)*)

## POSITION STATEMENT HYBRID TECHNOLOGIES

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The Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada (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.

### **Definition**

Hybrid technology, by definition, is the merging of the implementation of two or more distinct medical technologies into one medical system. For the purposes of this position statement, the technologies being amalgamated may be diagnostic and/or therapeutic in nature.

### **Background**

There are four specialties encompassed by the professional category of MRT; radiological, nuclear medicine and magnetic resonance technologists and radiation therapists. In some provinces, diagnostic medical sonographers are regulated with medical radiation technology. Regulation of healthcare professionals is at a provincial level; thusly, the regulators governing MRTs in each province are discreet. As a result of these inherent differences, the Alliance holds a broad position on the use of hybrid technology.

### **Position**

As regulated health professionals, MRTs utilizing hybrid equipment have the professional responsibility to:

- Be registered with their regulatory body in at least one of the specialties or disciplines (radiography, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance and diagnostic ultrasound) used in the hybrid equipment they are operating;
- Perform those activities for which they are authorized, by their regulatory authority;
- Perform only those activities for which they have the knowledge, skills and judgments to safely and competently do so; and
- Practice within their legislated parameters and abide by the governing Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

### **Recommendations to MRTs**

- Self-reflect and develop performance goals to enhance hybrid knowledge.
- Undertake continuing professional development.

# 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 technologues en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec (OTIMROEPMQ)**

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