



Alliance of Medical Radiation
Technologists Regulators of Canada

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

2017 Annual Activity Summary

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AMTRTC is the Alliance of the provincial medical radiation technologist (MRT) regulators, formed to ensure public protection by advancing MRT regulation, professional standards, patient care, and regulatory issues. For five years since 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/territorial 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. 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.



AMTRTC celebrated Canada's 150th with its Board of Directors Meeting and Education Day in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in Conjunction with the Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation (CNAR)





HIGHLIGHTS

CHANGES TO ACCREDITATION OF MRT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

On January 22, 2016, the Canadian Medical Association's (CMA's) Conjoint Accreditation Services announced that it would be, after 80 years, "divesting itself of responsibility for assessing and accrediting Canadian Health education programs in designated health science professions within the next 24 months." AMRTRC immediately began work with others affected by this change, forming the Allied Health Program Accreditation Working Group. Health Standards Organization (HSO) and its affiliate Accreditation Canada (AC), were selected to deliver accreditation services for medical radiation technology education programs through their new EQual Canada Program. AMRTRC has representatives on the Equal Canada Program Council and Technical Committee.

REGULATION OF DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHERS (DMS)

Alberta and Ontario will be regulating DMS beginning in 2018. This achievement was recognized by the Board; and the many regulations, standards, and processes needed to make regulation of DMS a reality were shared during the year as progress continued. This serves as an excellent demonstration of the importance of a regulator's role to protect the public.

REGULATION OF MRTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA (BC)

In March 2017, AMRTRC wrote to the BC Minister of Health to support the regulation of MRTs in BC, specifically indicating that all specialties of MRT would be included. The BC government decided, alternatively, to regulate only one specialty—radiation therapists—through a multi-profession regulatory body.

*The April 25th Board of Directors meeting was held in our
Nation's capital, Ottawa, Ontario.*



HIGHLIGHTS

CANADIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (CFTA) CERTIFICATE

A revised certificate is now available for AMRTRC members which was changed when the CFTA replaced the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT).

CANADIAN COMPARISON CHART OF REGULATORS AND ASSOCIATIONS FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC TECHNOLOGISTS

ACMDTT drafted and shared a chart that compares the organizations involved in AMRTRC for easy access to important information including specialties regulated, numbers of members, registration fees, etc.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN—PROGRESS ON STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

AMRTRC is achieving the goals set out in the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. It is planned that a goal-setting exercise will be held in 2018, recognizing AMRTRC's strategic directions will be consistent for years to come.

- **Engaging non-regulated provincial associations in advancing their progress toward regulation and Alliance membership:** 100% of MRT regulators are members of AMRTRC; the Board supports those jurisdictions who are progressing toward regulation
- **Promoting safe and ethical practices of the profession through regulatory excellence:** members regularly share information and promising practices and include not-yet-regulated jurisdictions, e.g.:
 - Education Days, including the following topics:
 - Road to Regulation—Tips and Lessons Learned
 - Strategic Conversations:
 - Communicating the Value of Self-Regulation
 - Resources re. Self-Regulation
 - Titles and Credentials
 - Continuing Competency: Outcomes and Lessons Learned from an Alberta Regulator Regarding Enforcement and Remediation Options Available to Regulators
 - The “Best of Everything” (sharing of favourite resources)
 - Roundtable on Regulatory Issues (at each Meeting)
- **Committing to responsible and sustainable financial and people resourcing to ensure capacity and continuity for strategic delivery:** AMRTRC's Executive Coordinator supports the organization's operational functions.

AMRTRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ♦ *Julie Avery, NSAMRT*
- ♦ *Jennifer Carey, NBAMRT (to October 6, 2017)*
- ♦ *Alain Crompt, OTIMROEPMQ*
- ♦ *Johnathan Galloway, NBAMRT (as of October 2017)*
- ♦ *Linda Gough, CMRTO*
- ♦ *Debbie Schatz, SAMRT (as of April 2017)*
- ♦ *Karen Stone, ACMDTT*
- ♦ *Chelsea Wilker, SAMRT (to April 2017)*

AMRTRC OFFICERS

- *Linda Gough, President*
- *Chelsea Wilker, Vice-President until March 3, 2017*
- *Alain Crompt, Vice-President as of March 3, 2017*
- *Jenn Carey, Secretary-Treasurer until March 3, 2017*
- *Julie Avery, Secretary-Treasurer as of March 3, 2017*

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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)

Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (SAMRT)



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About us

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

As individual provincial MRT regulators we help ensure safe, quality, professional, competent imaging and radiation therapy services in our respective jurisdictions.

Our goals

- Develop, promote and evaluate common standards between jurisdictions.
- Encourage and promote standardised regulatory policies and procedures.
- Facilitate communication and information sharing.
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