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Election of members to Council 2018

CMRTO recently held our third online election of members to Council! Gone are the paper ballots, envelopes and postage fees – and we don't miss them at all!

Election 2018 took place in Districts 2 and 5 on April 4, 2018. MRTs in these districts received emails in December 2017 detailing the online election process, as well as nomination forms giving all those interested and eligible the opportunity to stand for election in 2018.



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We are pleased to announce the results of the election as follows:



- **Wendy Rabbie, MRT(R)** was re-elected in District 2 (eastern district, radiography)



- **Angela Cashell, MRT(T)** was re-elected in District 5 (radiation therapy, includes all of Ontario)

The three-year term for these Council members starts at the Council meeting on June 14-15, 2018.

Congratulations to all candidates who stood for election in 2018! Your professionalism and commitment contributes immeasurably to the regulation of the profession in the public interest.

For more information about the CMRTO Council, the election process or electoral districts, please explore the [Council](#) and [Elections](#) sections of the website, or send your questions to communications@cmrto.org.

How to use your protected title

The registration regulation, which came into effect on January 1, 2018, expanded the protected titles and abbreviations that a CMRTO member may use in practice to include “diagnostic medical sonographer” and the abbreviation DMS. Members of the CMRTO may use MRT as an abbreviation for “medical radiation technologist” and DMS as an abbreviation for “diagnostic medical sonographer”.

The abbreviations you use correspond to your specialty(ies) of registration. These include: MRT(R), MRT(N), MRT(T), MRT(MR), and now, MRT(DMS) or simply DMS.

The table below outlines all five CMRTO specialties, the protected title of those specialties and the abbreviations of the protected titles.

If you are registered in more than one specialty, you can list the abbreviations appropriate to the specialties you are registered in following the MRT, for example, MRT(R)(DMS) and MRT(N)(MR).

Note that there are no periods and no spaces in the abbreviated titles.

Only members of CMRTO registered in a particular specialty are legally authorized to use that protected title in Ontario.

If you have any questions about CMRTO protected titles or their abbreviations, please contact Registration at registration@cmrto.org.

Specialty	Protected Title	Abbreviation
Radiography	Medical Radiation Technologist - Radiography	MRT(R)
Radiation Therapy	Medical Radiation Technologist - Radiation Therapy or Medical Radiation Technologist - Radiation Therapist	MRT(T)
Nuclear Medicine	Medical Radiation Technologist - Nuclear Medicine	MRT(N)
Magnetic Resonance	Medical Radiation Technologist - Magnetic Resonance	MRT(MR)
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Medical Radiation Technologist - Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	MRT(DMS) or DMS

QA assessments 2018 – Are you being audited this year?

All CMRTO members must participate in the CMRTO's Quality Assurance (QA) program as part of maintaining and improving their competence. Monitoring compliance with this professional requirement is an important responsibility of the CMRTO QA Committee.

The QA Committee monitors on an annual basis the number of members that have been selected for a QA assessment. Until 2015, members who had not been selected in the previous five years were in the pool from which the QA Committee randomly selected members for a QA assessment. This meant there were some members who had been selected multiple times throughout their careers and other members who had been practising for many years and who had never been selected.

In order to ensure that all the members who have not yet been required to undergo a QA assessment are required to do so by the end of 2018, it was decided that for the 2018 QA year, the remaining members who have been

registered with the College for more than one year and who have never been selected for a QA assessment, will be required to either submit their QA Portfolio for assessment or to undergo an MSF assessment. The group that will be required to undergo the MSF assessment in 2018 will be randomly selected from the members who have never been selected for a QA assessment, and the balance of the remaining members will be required to submit their 2018 QA Portfolios in January 2019.

If you have been selected to submit your 2018 QA Portfolio for assessment by the QA Committee, you are required to do so no later than January 4, 2019.

Remember, effective January 1, 2018, QA ePortfolio is the only method available to members to record their self-assessments and participation in continuing education or professional development. The print version of the QA Portfolio is no longer available.

To access the ePortfolio, sign in to the Member & Applicant Portal on the CMRTO website at www.cmrto.org and click "QA EPORTFOLIO". Once you

have completed your portfolio, you can submit it to the CMRTO, by using the “Submit to CMRTO” button. You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit.

After you have submitted your 2018 ePortfolio, it will be locked and you will not be able to enter or delete information from it. Once your ePortfolio has been assessed by the QA Committee or an assessor appointed by the QA Committee and your ePortfolio has met the requirements of the QA program, your ePortfolio will be unlocked and you will have access to enter data again. The CMRTO will no longer have access to your ePortfolio and does not keep a copy of your QA Portfolio.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Quality Assurance by email qa@cmrto.org or telephone: 1.800.563.5847 or 416.975.4353.

Important information about the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers

Sonographers are now regulated with the CMRTO

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has made the necessary regulations for CMRTO to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers as a fifth specialty. These regulations, made under the *Medical Radiation Technology Act* came into force on January 1, 2018. Effective January 1, 2019, it will be mandatory for diagnostic medical sonographers (general, cardiac and vascular) to be registered with the CMRTO in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography in order to be legally authorized to practice diagnostic medical sonography and to apply soundwaves for diagnostic ultrasound in Ontario.

If you are not a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO), the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) or the College of Midwives of Ontario (CMO) and are going to be practising the profession of diagnostic medical sonography and applying soundwaves for the purposes of diagnostic ultrasound in Ontario on January 1, 2019 and thereafter, you must be registered with the CMRTO. Active members of CMRTO, CPSO, CNO and CMO are authorized to apply soundwaves for the purpose of diagnostic ultrasound under O. Reg. 107/96,

the Controlled Acts Regulation, made under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.

Protected Title

The protected title for sonographers is “diagnostic medical sonographer” or “DMS”. Only members of CMRTO registered in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography are legally authorized to use the protected title in Ontario.

Applying for registration as a diagnostic medical sonographer

If you will, or may wish to, practice as a diagnostic medical sonographer in Ontario on January 1, 2019, and thereafter, you must apply for registration with CMRTO in 2018.

The registration requirements are set out in O. Reg 866/93, made under the *Medical Radiation Technology Act*. As it can take up to four months to process an application, it is recommended that sonographers apply to CMRTO by July 2018.

On or before December 31, 2018, sonographers can apply for registration with the CMRTO using one of two methods – the grandparenting provision OR by completing an approved educational program and an approved examination.

The grandparenting provision provides sonographers who do not meet the registration requirements of having successfully completed an approved educational program and an approved examination, but who are engaged in competent practice in the scope of practice of the profession, to become registered and authorized to work in the specialty in Ontario.

After December 31, 2018, the grandparenting provision will no longer be available to applicants and all applicants will have to complete an approved educational program and an approved examination, in order to be eligible for registration. If you are working or have previously worked as a sonographer in another province and you think you may wish to practice in Ontario at some time in the future, you should apply to the CMRTO under the

grandparenting provision no later than the deadline of December 31, 2018.

The online application process is available on the CMRTO website at www.cmrto.org. You will also want to review the '[Application Guide for individuals applying for registration with the CMRTO in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography](#)', which is also available on the CMRTO website.

Name of College

It is expected that the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act* will be proclaimed to come into force on January 1, 2019. When that happens, the new Act will repeal and replace the *Medical Radiation Technology Act* and the name of CMRTO will change to the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO).

Information for sonographers

Check out the CMRTO website at www.cmrto.org for the latest information about the regulation of sonographers, the online application process and YouTube videos. You will also want to review the '[DMS regulation information and FAQs](#)' also available on the CMRTO website.

New Member & Applicant Portal (MAP)

As we mentioned in the last issue of Insights, CMRTO is currently doing a complete system upgrade from our current CRM (Customer Relationship Management) software and transitioning into a 'cloud'-based CMM (College Membership Management) system.

This includes updating our registration and member management systems to improve communications and enhance the registration experience for members.

As part of these system upgrades, we have changed communications servers. As a result, please be sure to add registration@cmrto.org and communications@cmrto.org to your email address book, contacts, and safe senders lists to ensure that you continue to receive communications from CMRTO.

We also introduced a new Member & Applicant Portal (MAP) on the www.cmrto.org website on March 21, 2018.

To guarantee our ability to communicate with you, it is critical that all members have a profile on the new MAP that includes your current email address.

If you have already created an account on MAP, that's great! If you created a MAP profile but have not included your up-to-date email address, do so as soon as possible. If you haven't yet created a profile in MAP, please follow the instructions below to create your new online profile. It is recommended that you use Google Chrome when accessing the Member & Applicant Portal.

1. Go to www.cmrto.org.
2. Click on "Sign In" in the top menu bar.
3. Select "Start MAP Sign-in".
4. Enter your email address where indicated, then click "Send verification code". Leave this page open while you wait for a message from Microsoft on behalf of CMRTO in your email account.
5. Open your email account to view the verification code message you just requested.
6. Once you have received the verification code message, enter the code where indicated.
7. When prompted, create a new password for your MAP profile, then click "Create".
8. Review the terms and conditions for using the MAP and select "Agree".
9. Review your basic profile information, then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Submit" to create your MAP profile.

Once you have created your profile, you will be able to access all CMRTO services and modify your account.

If you encounter any problems creating your Member & Applicant Portal profile, adding your current email address to your profile, or adding registration@cmrto.org and communications@cmrto.org to your email address book, contacts, and safe senders lists, please contact registration@cmrto.org or give us a call at 416.975.4353 or 1.800.563.5847 for assistance.

Suspended members

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between January 1, 2018 and May 31, 2018, for failure to pay their fees in accordance with section 24 of the Health Professions Procedural Code.

A person whose certificate of registration has been suspended is not a member of the CMRTO unless and until the suspension is removed.

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