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ELECTION 2024

CMRITO registrants have the opportunity to participate in electing the professional members of the Council which governs the CMRITO. Along with the public members appointed by the provincial government and the appointed Academic member, the six elected professional members of Council are responsible for providing leadership and direction to the CMRITO in regulating registrants who practise in Ontario to serve and protect the public interest.

There are two districts holding elections this year – District 1, radiography and District 2, radiation therapy. If you hold a specialty certificate in radiography, you are eligible to vote in District 1. Likewise, if you hold a specialty certificate in radiation therapy, you are eligible to vote in District 2. Remember, your vote must be submitted no later than Monday, April 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. using the link in the email sent to you on February 26, 2024.

There are five candidates standing for election in District 1:

- Stephen A. Akinwekomi, MRT(R)(MR)
- Wagdi Kamal Elsheikh, MRT(R)
- Jacqueline C. Evans, MRT(R)(MR)
- Amanda Lee, MRT(R)(MR) (incumbent)
- Bhawana Sharma, MRT(R)

There are two candidates standing for election in District 2:

- Yasir Khalid, MRT(T)
- Derek Ribeiro, MRT(T) (incumbent)



If you have any questions about the CMRITO election process or the 2024 election, please visit the [Election Process](#) page on the CMRITO website or contact CMRITO Election at election@cmrito.org.

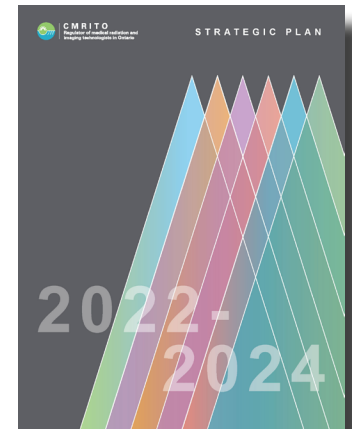
STRATEGIC PLAN

The CMRITO 2022-2024 Strategic Plan was developed in a regulatory landscape emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic and the impending retirement of the College's Registrar & CEO of fifteen years.

The Plan focuses on three key goals – evolving regulatory practices, maximizing communications impact, and increasing organizational capacity – to help the College deliver on its mandate to ensure the safe, effective, and ethical practice of medical radiation and imaging technology and strengthen public protection in the province. Over the past two years, Council, Committees, and CMRITO staff have been busy developing and implementing actions to support these key goals. The College will continue to act with these goals in mind throughout 2024 as it is the final year of this plan.

At its meeting in December 2023, Council appointed a Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) to lead the development of a new strategic plan. The Committee is composed of nine Council Members, supported by the Registrar & CEO and General Counsel.

A formal Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent in January to several consultants to submit proposals to help the College develop a new Strategic Plan. After a thorough review process, the Committee has selected an outside consultancy, The Regulator's Practice, an international collection of experienced regulatory practitioners, to help identify key priorities and devise a structure for achieving these goals. Together, the SPC, CMRITO senior staff, and The Regulator's Practice will leverage and apply their diverse experience and knowledge to the planning process to develop a robust and ambitious Strategic Plan. Council received an interim report at its meeting in March, and a draft of the new Strategic Plan will be presented to Council to review and approve later this year.



QUALITY ASSURANCE NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?

You can start logging your 2024 quality assurance activities in your QA ePortfolio. You have until December 31, 2024 to review and complete your QA Profile, Self-Assessment, and continuing education and practice development activities.

SEE WHAT'S NEW!

As part of our commitment to support MRITs in practising safely and competently as well as meeting their QA requirements, several helpful improvements have been made to the QA Profile and Self-Assessment sections of your QA ePortfolio.



QA PROFILE

The QA Profile gives an overview of your practice while helping you reflect on the Scope of Practice and Authorized Acts related to your practice. Resources and links added to this section will help you understand your practice and inform you about some of the risks that may be associated with your role as an MRIT.

SELF-ASSESSMENT

The Self-Assessment requires you to reflect on your own practice against the CMRITO Standards of Practice. Starting in 2024, the two Standards of Practice that you are required to review are pre-selected and accompanied by additional resources and links.

These resources provide greater context to help you understand how the standards and indicators relate to your own practice as an MRIT.

If you wish to complete more than the two required standards, you are welcome to do so.

Additionally, all three sections of the QA ePortfolio now include new steps and directions to help you complete your QA requirements successfully.

If you have any questions about the 2024 QA ePortfolio, please contact our Quality Assurance team by email at qa@cmrito.org or by phone at 416.975.4353 or 1.800.563.5847.



NEW JURISPRUDENCE MODULE AND QUIZ ON PATIENT-CENTRED CARE

The CMRITO Jurisprudence Course provides applicants and registrants with the necessary background and understanding of the laws, regulations, and Standards of Practice required to practise as a medical radiation and imaging technologist.

The new Module 8: Patient-Centred Care addresses an important topic and sets expectations for practice. In addition, the new module:

- explains how the CMRITO Standards of Practice relate to patient- and family-centred care
- outlines how the CMRITO Code of Ethics relates to the Ontario Human Rights Code, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*
- describes best practices for communicating with patients using inclusive, affirming, positive language



To access the Jurisprudence quiz, please [log in to your ePortfolio](#) and click on “Jurisprudence” in the menu at the top of the page. Remember to record any time spent taking the Jurisprudence Course and quiz in your QA ePortfolio as part of the 25 hours of continuing education and professional development activities that you are required to complete each year.

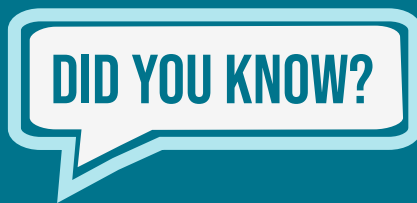
If you have questions about the patient-centred care module, or any part of the CMRITO Jurisprudence Course, please contact the Professional Practice Team at practiceadvice@cmrito.org, 416.975.4353, or 1.800.563.5847.

NEW REGISTRATION REGULATION

CMRITO’s new registration regulation under the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017* will come into effect on July 1, 2024. The new regulation sets out and streamlines the entry to practice requirements for the five specialties regulated by the CMRITO: radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance, and diagnostic medical sonography. The purpose of entry to practice requirements is to ensure the protection of the public by restricting registration to only qualified individuals who have demonstrated their competence to practice.

The entry to practice requirements in the new regulation have not changed significantly and still include the successful completion of an educational program and a certification examination in a specialty, evidence of good character and competent practice in the last five years, and fluency in English or French. What has changed is that some requirements are now exemptible which gives the CMRITO Registration Committee the discretion to consider other evidence and information when assessing individual applications. The Registration Committee’s focus in assessing applications is ensuring that only qualified and competent applicants are registered. It is important to note that successful completion of the national certification examination remains a non-exemptible requirement for registration in any of the five specialties.

You will be able to access the full text of the new regulation in the Resources section of the CMRITO website under [Acts, Regulations, Policies & By-laws](#) after it comes into force. Please direct any questions or requests for further information to communications@cmrito.org.



Did you know that CMRITO has almost 4,500 followers and subscribers on social media? Are you one of them? If not, follow or subscribe to our channels on Facebook, LinkedIn,

Twitter/X, and YouTube to have news posts and updates from the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario show up in your feed.



THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

The practice of a regulated health professional can be very complex. We're happy when MRITs ask us to help them understand topics like practice standards, patient communication and consent, or the role and responsibilities of CMRITO in regulating the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology. In 'That's a good question!' we answer some of the most frequent questions MRITs ask us.

I'm a new registrant with CMRITO. How do I use my protected title?

Protected titles and abbreviations help assure the public that an individual is qualified and is registered to practise the profession of medical radiation and imaging technology in Ontario.

Only registrants who hold an active certificate of registration with the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario may use the following specialty titles and abbreviations appropriate to their specialty, as listed below.

- Medical Radiation Technologist - Radiography, or MRT(R)
- Medical Radiation Technologist - Radiation Therapy or Radiation Therapist, or MRT(T)
- Medical Radiation Technologist - Nuclear Medicine, or MRT(N)
- Medical Radiation Technologist - Magnetic Resonance, or MRT(MR)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, or DMS

For example, someone who is a registered in the specialty of radiation therapy may write their name as: Jane Smith, MRT(T).

Those registrants who are registered in more than one specialty may add the additional specialties to the end of the MRT abbreviation. For example, someone with dual specialties in nuclear medicine and magnetic resonance would write their name as: John Smith, MRT(N)(MR). If a registrant of the CMRITO resigns, they are unable to use the specialty titles or abbreviations unless they reinstate their registration.

For more information about the use of CMRITO's protected titles and abbreviations, please visit the [Registrants section](#) of the CMRITO website and watch a webinar recording of *Correct use of your professional titles* which explains this complicated topic in plain language.

If you have further questions about the use of protected titles, please contact the CMRITO Professional Practice Team at practiceadvice@cmrito.org.



It is your responsibility to update your CMRITO registrant profile within seven days of any change of name, business address, business telephone number, home address, home telephone number, email, or mailing address. Sign into the CMRITO Portal to update your information.



SUSPENDED REGISTRANTS

The following registrants' certificates of registration were suspended between December 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024 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 registrant of the CMRITO and cannot legally practise as a medical radiation and imaging technologist unless and until the suspension is removed.

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