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## 2018 Elections to Council

The CMRTO will hold elections in Districts 2 and 5 on April 4, 2018. Members who are eligible to vote in these districts will be sent an email on November 30, 2017 detailing the online election process. Nomination forms giving all interested and eligible MRTs the opportunity to stand for election in 2017 will be emailed on December 5, 2017.

District 2 (Eastern District, Radiography) is composed of the District Municipality of Muskoka, the Districts of Parry Sound and Nipissing, the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and Leeds and Grenville, the Counties of Frontenac, Hastings, Lanark, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward and Renfrew, and the City of Ottawa.



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District 5 (Radiation Therapy) includes all of the Province of Ontario.

For more information about the CMRTO Council, the election process or electoral districts, please visit the CMRTO website at [www.cmrto.org](http://www.cmrto.org) or send your questions to [communications@cmrto.org](mailto:communications@cmrto.org).

## Toufic El Saifi joins CMRTO!



The CMRTO is pleased to announce that Toufic El Saifi joined its team as Director of Corporate Services on October 23, 2017.

Toufic has a wealth of experience in both IT and corporate services, and holds a Master of Business Administration from the American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and a Master of Computer Science from the University of Balamand, Lebanon.

Toufic comes to CMRTO from the American University in Sharjah, UAE where he held a number of positions including manager of the computer labs, and a lecturer in information technology security and database management. He most recently filled the role of Director of Event Management for the entire university.

CMRTO is very happy to welcome Toufic to our team!

## New online quiz for the Legislation Learning Package

As a way of supporting MRTs' learning about the legislation that governs and guides the profession, CMRTO developed the Legislation Learning Package as a part of the CMRTO jurisprudence course. All applicants for registration with the CMRTO are required to have successfully completed a course in jurisprudence approved by the College. The jurisprudence course may also be used by members to maintain and improve their understanding of the legislation and legal requirements which impact upon their day-to-day practice in medical radiation technology.

Since the application of law in a day-to-day practice can be complex, this course has been designed as a review of key components of the appropriate legislation and regulations that govern the practice of medical radiation technologists (MRTs) in Ontario.

As part of our ongoing effort to introduce new online features and services, MRTs can now access the Legislation Learning Package easily from their ePortfolio.

A screenshot of the CMRTO ePortfolio website. The navigation bar at the top includes: Home, QA Profile, Self-Assessment, Professional Development Plan, Record of Continuing Education and Professional Development, Summary, and Jurisprudence. The 'Jurisprudence' tab is highlighted with a red circle and an arrow. The main content area shows a 'Home' page with a welcome message and information about the Quality Assurance (QA) program. A 'Helpful Links' sidebar is visible on the left. A red arrow also points to the 'Home' link in the sidebar.

Login to your ePortfolio and you'll see the 'Jurisprudence' tab on the far right of the navigation bar. Click on the 'Jurisprudence' tab and you'll have access to the online quiz designed for the Legislation Learning Package. You can support and refresh your knowledge of the legislation governing the practice of medical radiation technology in Ontario. It's also a great way to earn some QA hours!

## Update on the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers

### Registration regulation consultation

The first step in the process of regulating sonographers is amending the CMRTO's registration regulation to enable us to register diagnostic medical sonographers as a fifth specialty and set out the registration requirements for an applicant to be issued a certificate of registration in the new specialty.

The proposed amendments were posted to the Consultations page on the CMRTO website. Although the consultation closed on October 17, 2017, the comments can still be viewed by clicking [here](#). After reviewing all the comments received, Council approved the amended registration regulation at their meeting on October 20, 2017. The amended regulation was submitted to the government on October 24, 2017 for approval by Cabinet.

### Bill 160

At the end of September, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 160, the *Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017*, Bill 160, part of which proposes changes to the *Medical Radiation Technology Act* (MRT Act) to strengthen and make more transparent oversight of diagnostic medical sonographers. If passed, the MRT Act would be repealed and replaced with the *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act*.

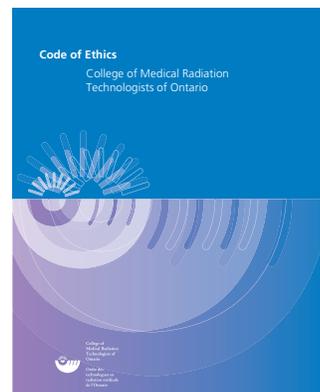
The new *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act* will affect the CMRTO:

- by changing the CMRTO's name to reflect its full membership, including diagnostic medical sonographers, to the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO)
- by changing the current CMRTO scope of practice statement to include the "application of soundwaves" in order to incorporate the practise of diagnostic medical sonographers
- by appropriately identifying all medical radiation and imaging professionals who are members of the (new) CMRITO.

If you'd like to read the Ministry's news release about the *Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act*, click [here](#).

To read Bill 160 and see all the proposed changes to the *Medical Radiation Technology Act*, click [here](#).

### New standards of practice



The CMRTO must revise the current standards of practice to take into account the knowledge and skills required of diagnostic medical sonographers. These new standards are already being developed, and the CMRTO is consulting with MRTs and sonographers about the proposed standards of practice beginning in November.

The consultation is open until November 30, 2017. Click [here](#) to review the consultation and provide your feedback on the standards of practice that govern your profession!

### About Sonography page

We have a new page on the website that is all about sonography – and that's just what we called it, 'About Sonography'!

We've created the '[About Sonography](#)' page to be the primary source for timely and accurate information about the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers. We know sonographers, MRTs and members of other professions will have many questions, and we hope the page will help avoid confusion and provide accurate

information about the process and progress of regulating sonographers within the CMRTO.

If you have any questions about the regulation of sonographers, visit the '[About Sonography](#)' page first! We will update it as important milestones are reached. You can also find all the back issues of DMS Updates, and other sonography-related resources on the page.

Please go to <https://www.cmрто.org/who-we-are/about-sonography/>, or click [here](#) to see the page!

## Information workshops

Throughout October, CMRTO Registrar & CEO, Linda Gough, presented a series of well received information workshops at 11 locations around the province, beginning in Thunder Bay on October 11, 2017, and ending in Barrie on November 1, 2017. Nearly 300 MRTs and sonographers attended the workshops in person. Not surprisingly, the focus of this fall's workshops was the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers as a fifth specialty within the CMRTO. More than 200 of the attendees were sonographers, and it was great to see them so enthused about self-regulation!

A webinar on the workshops will be available on the website in the near future.

Don't forget that if you attended one of the workshops, it is considered participation in an education session and can be put towards your annual QA hours! If you haven't already downloaded the QuickQA app, get it for free from the App Store or Google Play and upload your workshop hours to your ePortfolio.

## Suspended members

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between July 16, 2017 and October 31, 2017, 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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VISION: The CMRTO is a future-focused, responsive, collaborative regulator committed to excellence.

VALUES: Integrity | Fairness | Transparency | Respect | Professionalism

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