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SONOGRAPHY CANADA NEWS



Entry-to-practice Examinations

[Sonography Canada entry-to-practice exams](#) are administered three (3) times per year, over a 2-day period. The Fall exam session is scheduled to take place on September 12th and 13th, 2019. This is a friendly reminder to complete your registration for these exams on or before the **registration deadline of July 21st, 2019.**



Sonography Education Accreditation: [Public Review](#) of a new Allied Health Educational Program Standard

The Health Standards Organization (HSO) has drafted a new [CAN/HSO 40001:2019 \(E\) Allied Health Educational Program Standard](#) aimed at ensuring the effectiveness of educational programs for health professions, thereby contributing to the competency of graduates and the quality of patient care in Canada. This document consists of a revision and update of the previous CMA requirements related to competency profiles, student interests and rights, education program resources (didactic personnel qualifications and experience), educational program management (oversight, administration and structure), quality improvement, and innovation. **Sonography Canada invites all active members to provide their feedback on the proposed new standard by midnight on Friday, August 9th, 2019.** To do so, please [complete the online questionnaire](#). For more information, questions or concerns regarding the HSO standards, please contact publications@healthstandards.org.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)



Sonography Canada August Webinar: Adventures of an Ultrasound Locum

Sonography Canada welcomes our member and Canadian trained sonographer Shelley Morris DMS, CRGS, CRVS, RDMS, RVT, RDCS, HCPC as our next guest speaker. Learn how she has challenged her skills and knowledge while working in exciting destinations. Locums are a way for you to see the world while doing what you love! **Earn 1 sonography-based CPD credit by participating in this free one-hour webinar.** [Register](#) for this session scheduled to take place on August 19th at 12:30 p.m. EST! (Please note that Sonography Canada will not be hosting a monthly webinar in the month of July.)



Capital Ideas: 2019 SDMS Annual Conference

Were you unable to attend the Sonography Canada Annual Conference? If so, then the [Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography's Annual Conference](#) may be a great alternative to meet your continuing professional development (CPD) objectives. The educational program offered from September 26th to 29th provides knowledge and skills in new sonographic techniques, diagnostic accuracy, enhancements of sonographic instrumentation, and practice management strategies. **Earn up to 26 CME credits** towards your Sonography Canada triennium CPD requirements.

HELPFUL HINT

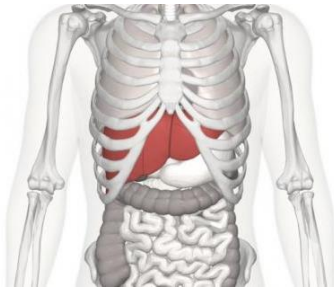


Patient Consent: It Matters!

Obtaining informed consent prior to initiating any ultrasound examination or procedure is part of Sonography Canada's *National Competency Profile* and the *Canadian Scope of Practice of Sonographers*. Go to page 38 of the [Sonography Canada Professional Practice Guidelines and Member Policies](#) to familiarize yourself with the elements of consent and the guidelines to be followed by practicing sonographers and sonography students. Sonographers must be aware of all the standards and professional responsibilities in their jurisdiction. The helpful tip we offer you this month is this: **When in doubt ... get a chaperone.**

INDUSTRY NEWS

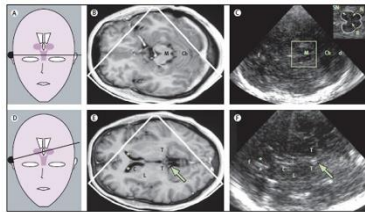
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[How has US LI-RADS performed in HCC screening 1 year after implementation?](#)

According to the article published in *Health Imaging Magazine* on June 5th, 2019, new research into the ACR Liver Reporting and Data System (LI-RADS) has found promising results indicating that it “emphasized sensitive and negative predictive value, key characteristics of a screening test, and that it offers a ‘realistic glimpse’ into the

population undergoing HCC screening in the U.S.”



[Midbrain area for differentiating Parkinson’s disease from progressive supranuclear palsy](#)

This article was published in Volume 183 of *Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery* and focused on the investigation of values of midbrain area in diagnosing Parkinson’s Disease (PD) and progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) by using transcranial sonography (TCS). The

conclusion is that the “midbrain area in patients with PD was wider than those with PSP that was not affected by disease duration. Midbrain area was the most accurate index for diagnosing PD by TCS although third ventricle size was the most sensitive one for diagnosing PSP.



ContrastZone
American Society of Echocardiography

In an effort to help improve quality and encourage the appropriate use of ultrasound contrast, the American Society of Echocardiography established the [ContrastZone website](#) to

provide the cardiovascular ultrasound community with a central place on the Web to find both basic and advanced information about Ultrasound Enhancing Agents (UEA), also known as ultrasound contrast.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers Needed

Join a Sonography Canada committee

Sonography Canada is currently recruiting enthusiastic volunteers eager to get involved and make a difference. Help advance the profession and your career by joining a Sonography Canada committee.

Share your experience and expertise and collaborate with your peers for the good of the profession.

[Vacancies currently exist](#) on the Professional Practice Committee, the Examinations Committee and the Awards Committee. Complete the [application form](#) and express your interest today!

FEATURED MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT



TD Insurance
Meloche Monnex

Member Discount on TD Home and Auto Insurance

Did you know your membership could help you save money on home and auto insurance? Being a member of Sonography Canada gives you privileged access to the TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Program, which provides savings through lower preferred insurance rates. You'll also enjoy the outstanding customer service you deserve, with knowledgeable representatives who are always ready to help. [Click here](#) for more information and find out how much you can save.

LATEST JOB POSTINGS

[Medical Sonographer \(Full-Time\)](#)

Hay River Health & Social Services Authority
Hay River, NT

[Echo Sonographers \(Casual Part-Time\)](#)

Michael Garron Hospital
Toronto, ON

[Clinical Technology Specialist – Ultrasound \(Full-Time\)](#)

Mindray
Western Canada

[See more employment opportunities](#)

CALENDAR

The following are key dates to remember and plan for over the next month.

July 21 The registration period for the September 2019 Sonography Canada [entry-to-practice examinations](#) closes.

July 26-27 [The International Foundation for Sonography Education and Research's Educator's Summit](#) takes place in Boston, Massachusetts.