



## Update on CMRTO's Regulation of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

Toronto, January 3, 2019 – The College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO) is pleased to announce that it now has the authority to ensure that patients undergoing diagnostic ultrasound examinations in Ontario are protected from unqualified practitioners. Effective January 1, 2019, diagnostic medical sonographers in Ontario must be registered with the CMRTO to be legally authorized to practise the profession and apply soundwaves for diagnostic ultrasound to patients.

"We are delighted that the Ontario government has extended the public protection framework by regulating diagnostic medical sonographers under the Regulated Health Professions Act," says Linda Gough, CMRTO Registrar & CEO, "making the regulatory framework consistent for all five specialties of medical radiation technology including radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance and now, diagnostic medical sonography."

Over the past year, CMRTO staff, Council and committee members worked hard to ensure the smooth and seamless integration of diagnostic medical sonographers. As of January 2, 2019, more than 3,867 certificates in diagnostic medical sonography have been issued. Those members' names and practice information are now available on the Public Register on [www.cmрто.org](http://www.cmрто.org). Any member of the public as well as employers of diagnostic medical sonographers can easily check the registration status of their diagnostic medical sonographer. A further 212 individuals have been approved for registration, while approximately 400 applications in the specialty of diagnostic medical sonography are currently being processed. As a result, CMRTO now regulates 10,720 medical radiation technologists and diagnostic medical sonographers by making sure that they are qualified to practice, maintaining their competence, and practicing safely, effectively and ethically.



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The Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act received Royal Assent in December 2017 and is now awaiting a proclamation date. Once it comes into force, this Act will improve transparency to the public by changing the CMRTO's name to the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario (CMRITO), and the name of the profession to medical radiation and imaging technology, to better reflect all five specialties providing medical radiation and imaging services to patients in Ontario.

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