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2023 COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The CMRITO Election Committee is pleased to announce the results of our 2023 Council election.



Rania Arabi

The only candidate nominated for District 3 – nuclear medicine, Rania Arabi, MRT(N) (MR), has been elected by acclamation. Her three year term on Council will start on June 15, 2023.

Please join us in congratulating Rania on her election to Council!

Thank you to Rania and all CMRITO members who volunteer to participate in the regulation of the profession to ensure the public interest is protected – whether as nominees for election to Council or as members on all our committees. It is a testament to your professionalism and commitment to medical radiation and imaging technology.

If you have any questions about the CMRITO Council or the election process, please visit the [Council](#) and [Elections](#) sections of the CMRITO website.

“I hope to expand my understanding of the healthcare framework further by serving on Council and continue to act in the best interest of patients and our great profession.”

CMRITO ELECTION



PREE TYAGI JOINS CMRITO AS REGISTRAR & CEO

CMRITO Council is very pleased to announce the appointment of Pree Tyagi as Registrar & CEO, effective March 1, 2023.

“On behalf of the CMRITO Council, we are thrilled that Pree is joining the College as our new Registrar & CEO,” says Sandra Willson, CMRITO President. “She is an experienced, highly respected and knowledgeable medical radiation and imaging technology regulator who brings a thoughtful and inspiring style as a leader. We are confident that Pree has the skillset and aptitude to carry out our vision of being an effective and collaborative regulator committed to transparency, equity, diversity and inclusion.”

“I am honoured to join CMRITO,” says Pree. “Medical radiation and imaging technologists are vital to every patient’s diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy treatment, and I’m passionately committed to ensuring that we do our part to uphold the confidence and trust of the public in receiving safe, competent and ethical care. As the former Registrar & CEO of the Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists (ACMDTT), I understand the complexity and challenge of the practice of medical radiation and imaging technologists and their tremendous contribution to the health care system. I look forward to working with the CMRITO’s talented and committed Council and staff to regulate this essential profession to serve the public in Ontario.”

The College’s retired Registrar & CEO, Linda Gough says: “I have had the privilege of working with Pree for many years on the Board of the Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRITRC) and have been impressed with her ability to build strong relationships with government, regulators, professional associations and stakeholders. She is an authentic and trusted leader ... collaborative, innovative and diligent. I am delighted that Council has recruited such an accomplished and talented regulator to be CMRITO’s next Registrar & CEO.”

Pree has 20+ years of experience leading business process and governance of entities dedicated to serving the public. She has held leadership roles at ACMDTT for over ten years. She has built productive relationships with government and stakeholders by working as a regulator for a number of health and non-health professions in Ontario. She further contributes to public safety through her volunteer work as a Board member on several agencies. Pree has an extensive and diverse educational background including a Master of Business Administration from Adelaide University, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Delhi University, and a Higher Education Teaching Certificate from Harvard University.



Pree Tyagi

LINDA GOUGH RETIRES AS REGISTRAR & CEO

After an accomplished career as a medical radiation technologist and regulator, Linda Gough retired as Registrar & CEO of the CMRITO, effective February 28, 2023. Over her 45 year career, Linda made countless contributions to the profession and its regulation.

Linda joined the College as Deputy Registrar in 1996 and became Registrar & CEO in 2007. The impact of her leadership is considerable. In 2003, Linda managed the addition of magnetic resonance technologists to, what was at the time, the CMRTO. Then on January 1, 2018, she led the process to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers. The regulation of these two additional specialties was essential to ensuring that the public is protected, and that patients receive safe, effective and ethical care during medical radiation and imaging procedures in all five specialties.

The addition of diagnostic medical sonography as a fifth specialty saw Linda also lead the College's efforts to evolve its visual identity, update publications, and develop a new website. The *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act, 2017* (MRIT Act) came into force on January 1, 2020 and changed the CMRTO's name to the College of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists of Ontario, and the name of the profession to medical radiation and imaging technology.

Throughout her career, Linda has been a collaborative and forward thinking leader and mentor not only to her staff at CMRITO, but to other regulators in Ontario and across Canada. Linda is a Past President and founding member of the Alliance of Medical Radiation and Imaging Technologists Regulators of Canada (the Alliance). All seven regulated jurisdictions in Canada are members of the Alliance. Linda also served as President and on the Management Committee of the Health Profession Regulators of Ontario (HPRO), where many other colleges/regulators benefitted from her respectful collaboration, warmth, knowledge and support.

"In reflecting upon my career, I am reminded why I love this profession and being a regulator," says Linda. "It has been a privilege to serve the CMRITO and work to protect the public interest with amazing, committed, and talented Council and committee members, staff, and stakeholders. More than professional relationships, I have also developed lasting and fabulous friendships."

The College and the broader HPRO community are thankful to Linda for her 27 years of regulatory service. Because of her unwavering commitment to public protection, use of innovative strategies, and early adoption of new technologies, CMRITO is at the forefront of the regulatory landscape in Ontario and Canada.

CMRITO Council, committees, and staff all thank Linda and wish her well deserved happiness, fun, and adventure in her retirement. Congratulations Linda!



Linda Gough

Did you miss Linda's final webinar for CMRITO – From x-ray technician to medical radiation and imaging technologist: A reflection on the advancement and evolution of the Profession? Click here to watch a recording of this informative look back on the growth of the profession.



PROPOSED REGISTRATION REGULATION CONSULTATION (EMERGENCY CLASS)

Public Consultation

The Government of Ontario is continuing its efforts to increase health human resources capacity to respond to and recover from the pandemic, ensuring Ontarians have access to safe, high-quality care now and in the future.

To that end, a new regulation under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA) requires all health regulatory colleges to have an emergency class of registration by August 31, 2023.

In accordance with the RHPA, the proposed regulation is being circulated for 60 days to members and stakeholders for comment. Prior to finalizing the proposed regulation, Council will consider all comments received by the deadline, keeping in mind the CMRITO's mandate to regulate in the public interest.

For more information about why an emergency class of registration is needed, when it will be available, who is eligible to apply, how it will work, and how long it will last, please refer to our [Emergency Registration Class FAQ](#).

We encourage all CMRITO members, applicants, stakeholders and members of the public to review the proposed regulation and provide feedback by visiting the [Consultations](#) page on the CMRITO website. If you have any questions about the consultation process or the proposed regulation, please contact the CMRITO at communications@cmrito.org.

The deadline to comment on this consultation is March 30, 2023.

UPDATED REGISTRATION RENEWAL

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve our systems, CMRITO has released an updated online registration renewal process. Members who have a renewal date of March 1, 2023 and later will notice the following changes:

- the online register renewal process is shorter and easier to complete
- the Declarations for Conduct, Quality Assurance and Compliance are easy to understand, and you are now able to provide or upload additional information, if required
- members can ensure all mandatory information is up to date and accurate at the time of their renewal

Reminder: All members must ensure the information about your place(s) of practice and all information required for the Ministry's health human resource planning is current and up to date. So, while you're renewing your registration, check to make sure all your information is correct on the Member & Applicant Portal (MAP).

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Declarations

Sign and Confirm

Pay Fees

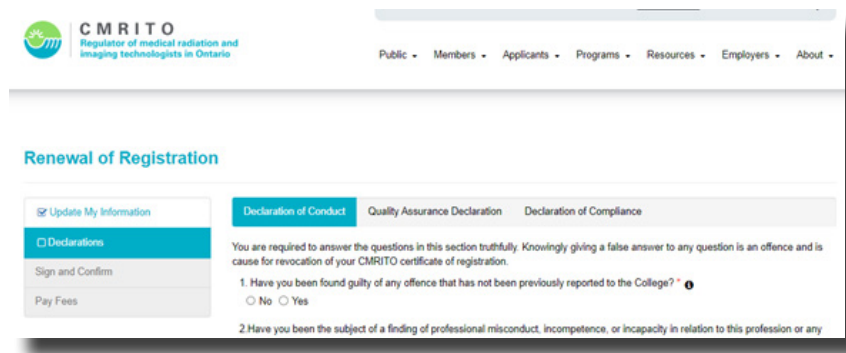
Personal Information | Practice Information | HHR Information | Other Licences

You are required to ensure your information is correct. Please review the information below and update if necessary. You must use your legal name for your registration with the CMRITO and while practising the profession.

If you use a variation of your legal name, or a different given name in practice, you can request a change to your name as it appears in the CMRITO register by submitting an online request. Click on [Update Name in Register](#) tab in your profile.

If you've changed employers, moved, or changed your phone number or email address, you must update your information with CMRITO within seven days.

You can manage your personal and professional information through your [MAP account](#).



QUALITY ASSURANCE NEWS

At the beginning of last year, CMRITO launched a new online platform for the QA ePortfolio and updates to the QuickQA app. After more than a year of MRITs using the new platform, here's what we've observed:

- members used the QuickQA app to document and upload 9,440 continuing education activities to their QAePortfolio
- 443 members downloaded the QuickQA app for the first time
- these new tools led to improved understanding of the requirements of the profile and self-assessment components of the QA ePortfolio with increased compliance for those members who submitted their QA ePortfolios for assessment
- QA ePortfolio assessment processing times improved by 13%



Your 2023 QA ePortfolio is now available through the Member & Applicant Portal section of the CMRITO website. Start completing your ePortfolio today and save time and effort later in the year. This short instructional [video](#) about the QA ePortfolio will show you how easy it is to complete.

Have you downloaded the QuickQA app yet?

The QuickQA app allows you to add continuing education and professional development (CE&PD) activities directly into your QA ePortfolio as you are doing them, making it easier to record and track the 25 hours of CE&PD activities you're required to complete each year. For more information about the QuickQA app please visit the [QuickQA app page](#) on our website.

If you have any questions about CMRITO's QA Program, please visit the [CMRITO website](#) or contact the QA team directly at qa@cmrito.org, 1.800.563.5847 or 416.975.4353.



Are you following CMRITO on social media? If not, click on the Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube buttons here to start following us on those platforms today.

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

Being a regulated health professional is complex. We're happy when MRITs ask us to help them understand topics like practice standards, quality assurance requirements or the role and responsibilities of CMRITO in regulating MRITs. In this section of Insights, we answer some of your most frequently asked questions.



What is the difference between orders, protocols, medical directives and delegations?

The CMRITO Standards of Practice require members to ensure that the appropriate order authorizing the performance of a procedure, treatment or intervention is in place prior to performing every procedure, treatment, or intervention. This applies to all procedures performed by members in all five specialties: radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance and diagnostic medical sonography.

Orders

An **order** is an authorizing statement from a regulated health professional with prescribing authority, permitting members to perform a procedure, treatment or intervention that falls within the scope of practice of the profession. An order may also be called a requisition, protocol, **medical directive** or treatment plan. In fact, the use of these terms in different facilities and professions can at times lead to some of this confusion.

An order may be one of two types:

- 1. Direct orders** are orders for a specific procedure, treatment or intervention, to be performed on a specific patient, by an authorized health professional. Direct orders may be written, electronic or verbal.
 - For example: a patient arrives at the imaging department with a requisition, signed and dated by their family physician, for a chest x-ray to rule out pneumonia.
- 2. Medical directives** (also known as standing orders or protocols) are orders for a procedure, treatment, or intervention for a range of patients who meet specific conditions, authorized by a physician. Medical directives are always written or documented electronically. They cannot be verbal.
 - For example: a patient arrives for an MRI of their brain to rule out brain metastases. The radiologist approved department protocol requires IV contrast for this procedure. The original requisition is for a Brain MRI (the direct order) and the department protocol provides the order to set up an IV and to give the contrast (the medical directives).

Delegations

Members of the CMRITO are not permitted to delegate the controlled acts they are authorized to perform and do not typically perform delegated acts. This is because most of the controlled acts CMRITO members perform in their practice fall under the five authorized acts they already have the authority to perform, provided they have an order to perform the authorized act or a medical directive for the act. However, on occasion, some members will accept and perform the delegation of a controlled act which is not one of the five authorized acts.

- For example: *communicating to an individual or their personal representative a diagnosis* is not one of the controlled acts authorized to members of CMRITO. However, members who perform procedures where pregnancy may be a contraindication may need to communicate pregnancy test results to their patient after performing a pregnancy test. This process would need to be set up as a delegation.

The Health Profession Regulators of Ontario (HPRO) have developed a guide to address questions regarding the use of orders (direct orders and medical directives) and delegations across all professions and practice settings. You can find more information as well as templates for medical directives and delegations on the HPRO website.

For more information about orders and delegations, please read [What you must know about ... performing procedures](#).

SUSPENDED MEMBERS

The following members' certificates of registration were suspended between October 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023 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 CMRITO and cannot legally practice as a medical radiation and imaging technologist unless and until the suspension is removed.

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21277	Evan Tewkesbury	18061	Shahida Siddiqui



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