



Ontario government approves regulation of sonographers with CMRTO!

Toronto, December 20, 2017...The College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO) welcomes the announcement today by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that the regulations necessary to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers under the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and within the CMRTO have been approved, effective January 1, 2018.

Diagnostic medical sonographers use medical equipment to direct high frequency sound waves into a patient's body for the purpose of diagnostic procedures, evaluate the related images and data, and assess individuals before, during and after the procedures. These procedures are most often known as ultrasounds, sonograms or cardiac and vascular sonography.

The regulation amending the registration regulation enables the CMRTO to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers as a fifth specialty within the College. It also sets out the registration requirements for an applicant to be issued a certificate of registration in the new specialty. By the end of a one-year grandparenting period (December 31, 2018), anyone practising as a diagnostic medical sonographer must register as a member of the CMRTO in order to be authorized to practise diagnostic medical sonography in Ontario. Another regulation adds the use of sound waves for diagnostic ultrasound to the scope of practice of the profession.

"We welcome the revised regulatory framework to include all medical radiation and imaging technologists under the CMRTO," said Wendy Rabbie, CMRTO President. "We fully support these regulations that extend the public protection framework and improve transparency for medical radiation and imaging technology."



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Linda Gough, CMRTO Registrar & CEO said "The CMRTO has been working for many years to assist the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in improving transparency and completing the public protection framework for medical radiation and imaging technology by including diagnostic medical sonographers in the CMRTO."

The CMRTO is the regulatory body for medical radiation technology in Ontario, a regulated profession under Ontario's *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA). The four specialties the CMRTO currently regulates are radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine and magnetic resonance imaging. The mission of the CMRTO is to regulate the profession to serve and protect the public interest.

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