

Regulation and the addition of diagnostic medical sonographers to the ACMDTT

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Self-regulation will always be a challenge, but if somebody's going to be in charge, it might as well be me.

- *Daniel Akst*



Regulatory pyramid

HPA

College
Regulations

Council

(elected regulated members and
government-appointed public
members)

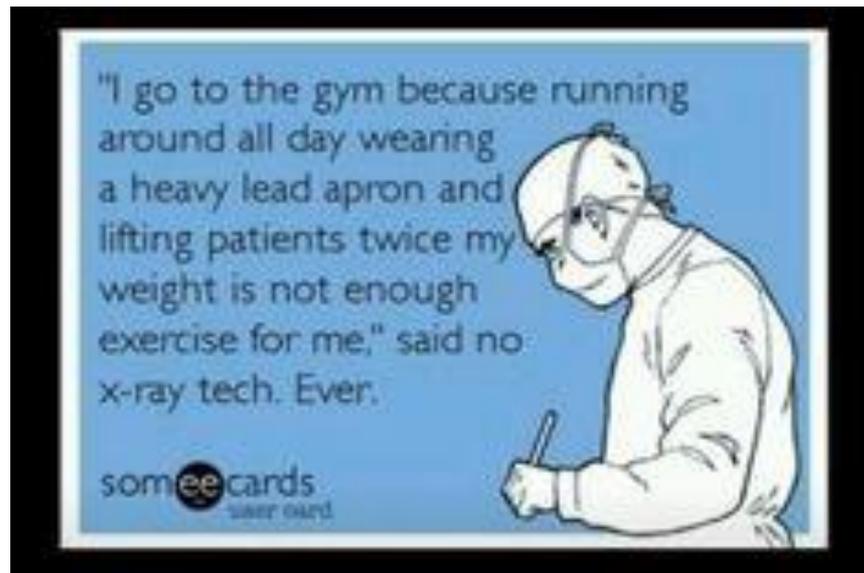
Statutory Committees

(Registration Committee, Competence
Committee, Hearings Tribunal)

College
Staff

CEO/
Registrar





Regulation – what's in it for me?



What's in it for me?

- I am recognized as a regulated health professional
 - I am recognized to have met a set of standards at entry-to-practice
 - I am recognized to continue to meet standards
- Those who I work with have met those same standards
- I can be assured that the patients that I care for are being treated by professionals

**DID YOU JUST CALL ME
A TECHNICIAN?**





Only a registered technologist uses protected titles

MRT(NM)

- Nuclear medicine technologist

MRT(R)

- Radiological technologist

MRT(MR)

- Magnetic resonance technologist

MRT(T)

- Radiation therapist

ENP

- Electroneurophysiology technologist

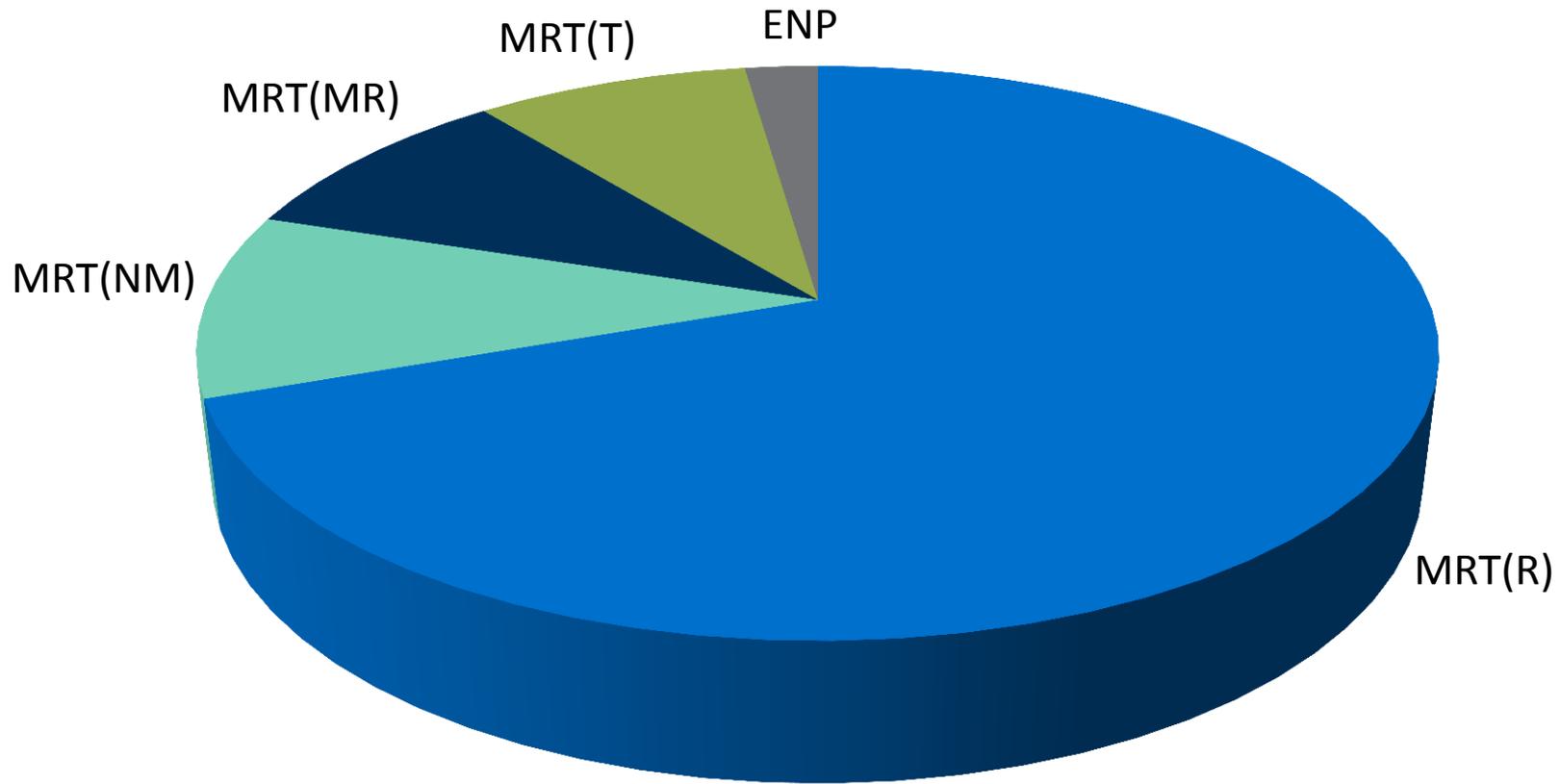




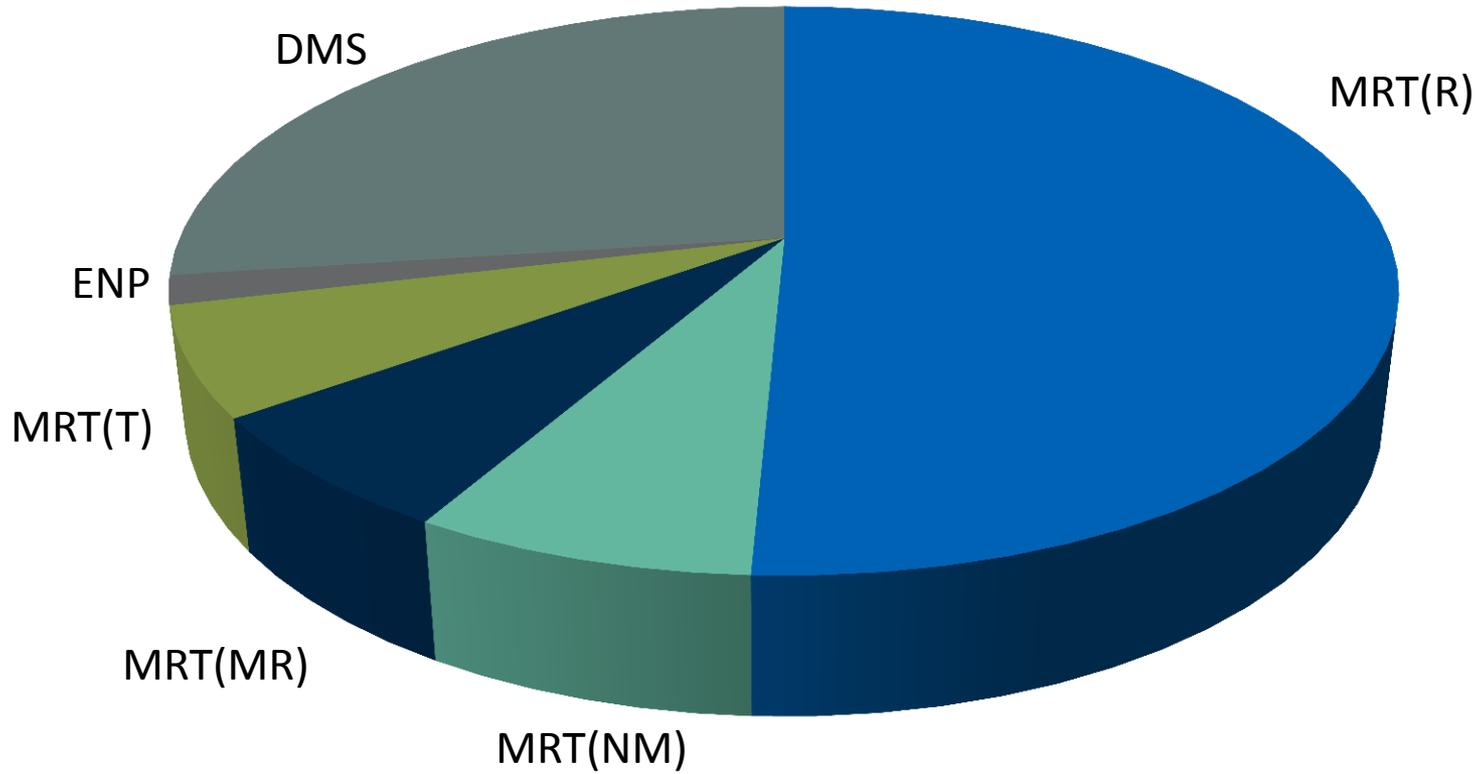
Where are we headed?



Who we are



Who we will be



The regulation journey so far

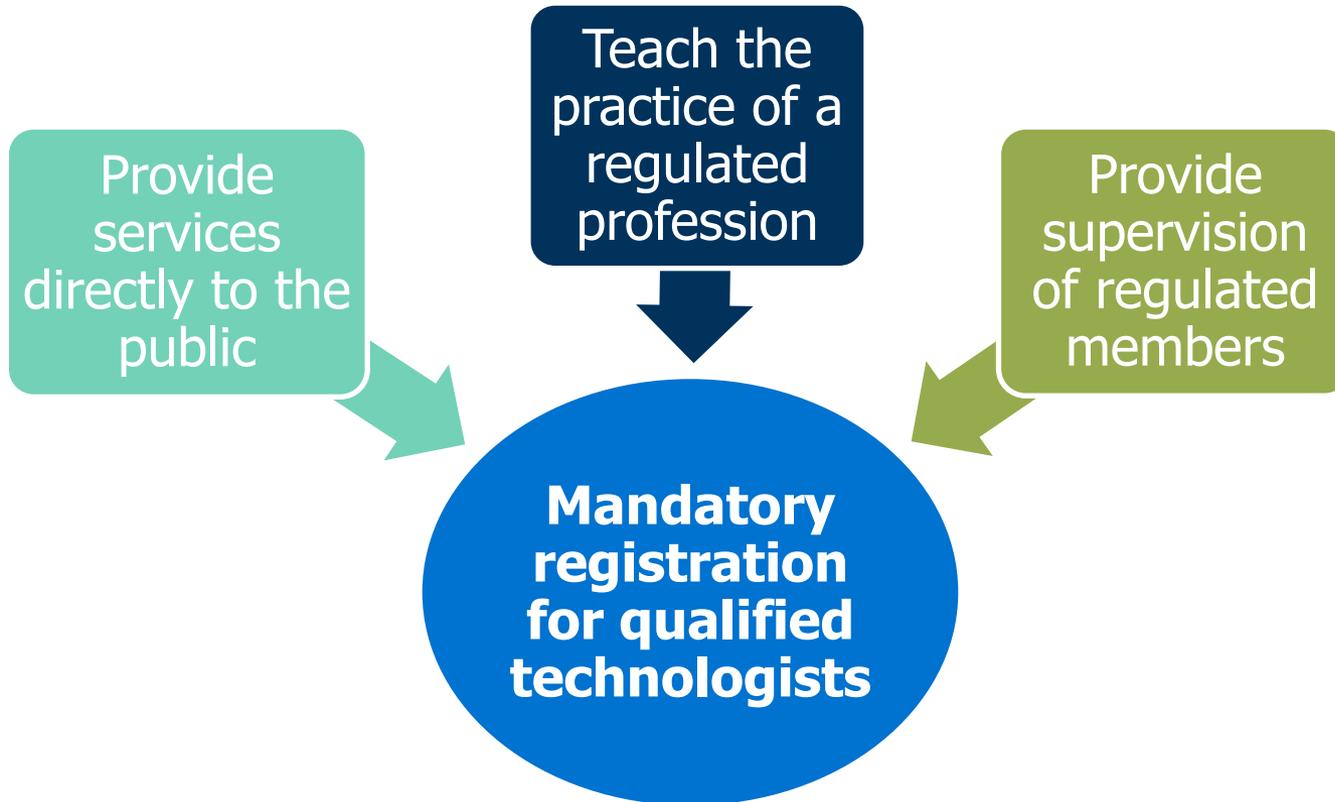
- ADSA and ACMDTT initiated an application for self-regulation to Alberta Health
- Health Minister approved sonographers to join ACMDTT in 2014
- Diagnostic medical sonographers added to the HPA this spring
- Legislative planners and drafters are working towards making the new regulations a reality
- Sonographers in other provinces also pursuing regulation

Becoming regulated

- Diagnostic medical sonographers
the professionals, not the use of ultrasound
- Grand-parenting period
 - Sonography Canada or ARDMS credentials and recent work experience - apply for registration
 - No credentials, but work experience - process to demonstrate competence



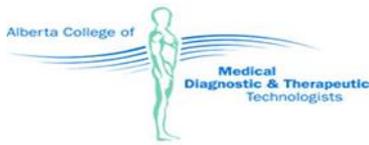
Mandatory registration



What regulation means for the public

- Assurance that all sonographers are highly trained health professionals that meet established standards
- Verify sonographers' registrations through the College website
- A fair and transparent process for complaints exists as outlined in the HPA





What regulation means to sonographers

The College creates, maintains and enforces standards in a fair and transparent way for:

- Entry-to-practice
- Practice (Ethics, Standards, authorizations)
- Continuing Competence
- Assessment of internationally-trained applicants
- Managing complaints



Why does regulation matter?

High-risk activities, including:

- capturing the images seen by the ultrasound physician (e.g. radiologist or cardiologist)
- biological effects of applying non-ionizing radiation
- invasive procedures
- sensitive patient contact
- infection control considerations
- administration of contrast agents

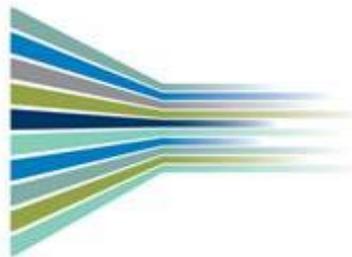
Regulation protects patients and sonographers by ensuring competence and that standards have been met before practicing.



Recap: self-regulation

- Self-regulation allows you to govern your profession
- Regulation is done in the interest of the public – provide safe, ethical and competent care
- Regulating sonographers, not the use of ultrasound
- This is an on-going process





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together**

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Save the Date!

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More details to follow

