



# Practice Standard

## Venipuncture Authorization

### Purpose

The Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists (ACMDTT) is mandated by government to regulate the professions of medical radiation technologists (MRTs) and electroneurophysiology technologists (ENPs).

Accordingly, the College outlines specific standards relevant to the practice of the medical diagnostic and therapeutic technologist professions.

The purpose of a Practice Standard is:

- to outline for MRTs and ENPs, employers and the public, the standards required for additional and enhanced practice authorizations
- to help identify areas of practice for MRTs and ENPs that require additional or enhanced practice authorizations
- to assist employers to use MRTs and ENPs to the full scope of their practice

### Practice Standard

Technologists who have completed advanced training approved by Council may be authorized by the Registrar to perform an invasive procedure on body tissue below the dermis for the purpose of starting an intravenous line.

The College will assess an individual's initial and renewal application for the practice authorization of venipuncture on their practice permit, by ensuring compliance with the following:

1. Confirmation of having completed an approved program
2. Annual confirmation the applicant has maintained competence in performing the additional restricted activities for renewal of authorization

This authorization is applicable to registrants in the specialties of radiological technology, magnetic resonance technology and radiation therapy. A member of the above stated specialties is not permitted to perform venipuncture without this authorization.

### References

*Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists Profession Regulation (AR 61/2005)*

ACMDTT. (2009). *Additional Authorization (GP 14.12)*.