



Information on smartphones and tablets can easily be stolen or lost

As a result, Alberta MRTs and ENPs have a professional and legal obligation to ensure the safe storage and transportation of smartphones, tablets and similar devices and to use strong passwords and encryption to prevent unauthorized access by third parties. Additionally, some employers have policies prohibiting the use of those types of devices in the workplace and those policies must be strictly complied with.

Best practices require ACMDTT members to be mindful at all times of what workplace information they are disclosing on social media and, even where the information is seemingly generic, to maintain the integrity and security of smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices. [VP](#)



Member Profile

Gail Astle, MRT(R)



My name is Gail Astle and as a new Council member, I would like to take this opportunity to share a little about myself.

I currently work for Alberta Health Services (AHS) as the Radiography Education Coordinator in the Edmonton Zone. I have been in this role with AHS for over twenty years and my responsibilities have definitely evolved through the years!

Currently, I lead many image critiques and that is my protected time with the students to help educate them. The remaining responsibilities of my role are more coordination and I also Chair a couple of committees, one is a provincial committee focused to supporting general radiological technologists and the other one is for Diagnostic Imaging Continuing Education in the Edmonton Zone. The one constant that has remained one of my responsibilities throughout the last two decades is the technical orientation that I provide to the new Radiology Residents for one month each year.

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As well, for many years I also worked for NAIT Continuing Education, supporting internationally educated technologists as well as technologists who were working on re-entry into the workforce. I am passionate about education and my role has enabled me to enjoy fueling the desire to help others become the best technologists they can be.

My own educational roots were with NAIT many years ago and at the time I applied for the Radiological Technology program, I didn't realize how much this was the perfect profession for me. The logical side of my brain was satisfied with the science of the profession and the art of radiography was for my creative side. Bringing this together in an education role was the best of all worlds!

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I worked initially as a general duty technologist, then moved onto a supervisory role and then finally into education, where I have spent the majority of my career. I am definitely in the best headspace when I am helping others learn and I am also learning along the way too!

I am a big believer in continually learning as that is how I can feel more fulfilled and creative. During my time as an Educator, I served on an education committee through the CAMRT and also as a member of the Conjoint Committee on Accreditation through the Canadian Medical Association. The committee work was meaningful and rewarding and I could see the work was making a difference.

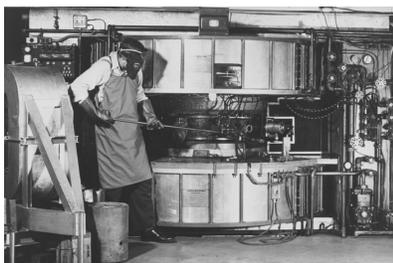
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My career has afforded me with many opportunities to learn the fine art of being "politically correct"! As a seasoned professional, I would like to think that my work experience has also provided me with some level of wisdom. "When you listen, you learn! When you share, you educate!" This is something I live by and truly believe; it speaks to my passion for education and learning! I have had this posted on my office bulletin board for so many years, but unfortunately I do not know who the author of this quote is so I cannot actually give them the credit they deserve!

I have been involved with the College and the professional association before, but this past year, I was approached to query if I would be interested in running for Council. The role of the ACMDTT Council is a new experience and will afford me with many more learning opportunities, which are inspiring and exciting! As the College crosses different modalities within diagnostic imaging as well as therapy, the impact that the ACMDTT has is very broad. With sonography soon to be part of our membership, the future is bright!

I have found that through all the volunteering that I have done in my life, you can learn so much but you also develop wonderful friendships which can carry on long after the committee work is finished! If you see this as something you would be interesting in exploring, I encourage you to become involved at your Branch level and then expand your involvement by volunteering your time within the many opportunities through the ACMDTT.

From a personal perspective, I spend a lot of time gardening; it brings me great joy and is a wonderful stress reliever! It also has the benefit of being a good physical workout! I have two fabulous children; both my daughter and son are married to wonderful spouses but the greatest joy comes from my two granddaughters! My kids are great parents, but there is nothing better than being a Grandma!! All the hard work of being a single Mom was worth it; I am definitely enjoying the fruits of my labour! I look forward to the future and the new experiences on the horizon! **VP**



Ernest Orlando: Nuclear medicine pioneer

The origin of **nuclear medicine** started with the invention of the cyclotron by Ernest Orlando Lawrence (1901-1958).

Lawrence began working at University of California in Berkeley in 1928 as a **nuclear** physicist.