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President's Message

I would like to start off by welcoming and congratulating Pree Tyagi as our new CEO/Registrar! Pree brings a wealth of knowledge to the College; she is highly respected by our stakeholders and has been a valued employee of the College for the past six years.

CONNECT 2018 conference - The ACMDTT deliver a successful joint conference together with CAMRT, titled CONNECT 2018. This conference was held in Edmonton April 27-28. We brought together over 460 diagnostic and therapeutic professionals. The educational sessions were informative and engaging. The CAMRT spoke very highly about this collaboration with the ACMDTT and commended the team at the College for their tireless efforts and looks forward to partnering with us again in the future. Some of our keynote speakers included sessions on medical cannabis, the opioid crisis, professionalism and AI: artificial intelligence. I encourage all members to put our 2019 conference on your future radar.

Bylaw amendments - At our AGM, Bylaw amendments were made. The two key pieces to bring to your attention is the reformatting of the traditional AGM with a membership meeting. The goal of this meeting is to make it less formal and create an environment where members can ask questions and we can have a discussion on issues affecting the College. Secondly, the Bylaws can now be amended by Council and does not require a membership vote. This will ensure Council can run efficiently and effectively. Bylaws will continue to be posted on the website and we welcome and feedback at any point in time.

Annual Report - Our Annual Report was given a face lift this year. I encourage all members to take a [look here](#). You will find captivating images as well as information on the financial position, membership numbers, volunteer commitments, work of your Council and much more.

Council member update - I would like to take the opportunity to thank outgoing Council member, Wendy Read, MRT(T) for her commitment to Council. On top of Wendy's busy career as a brachytherapist at the Cross Cancer Institute, she presented on the ocular melanoma program at the ISRRT conference and chaired the nominating committee. This lady exemplifies what a true professional is. She leads by example and is an asset to the MRT community. I am sad to see her go, but would like to welcome Michael Piva, MRT(T) as incoming Council member.

Sonography update - We are still waiting for the government to pass legislation before we can regulate sonographers. Council had a meeting with Alberta Health and we were told the update may possibly occur in the fall of 2019.

You make a difference! - In closing, I would like to acknowledge all of our ACMDTT members in all modalities. You all make a difference in the lives of your patients. You can change someone's day with a smile, a listening ear and a gentle touch. These soft skills and small gestures are what the patients remember. You are experts in your field of technology. Be proud of yourselves as regulated professionals. Hold yourselves and your colleagues to a high standard. We all share a common goal: we want to ensure that the Alberta public is and continues to receive safe, ethical and competent care.

Thank you,
 Kelly Sampson, MRT(T)
 ACMDTT President

Hello from the CEO/Registrar



Pree Tyagi

It seems as though summer has finally arrived and I hope you've been enjoying the beautiful weather with your friends and family.

We know that summer is underway when the College starts to hear from new graduates eager to get regulatory-ready for practice and that first pay cheque. Congratulations to this new generation of MRTs and ENPs on this important milestone in your professional journey! Welcome to professional practice, as brand new self-regulated professionals there is much to learn. No matter your level of experience, as most of us have found – learning from peers, team members and stakeholders in the community can be a great asset to one's professional journey. As I transition into my new role at the College, I encourage everyone to join me in conversations to find your connection with regulations and procedures that shape countless dimensions of your job, and the innumerable pieces one needs to understand patient interaction, clinical studies and quality systems that shape the big picture of healthcare.

Self-regulation and title protection is a rare privilege on the international stage, and even in Canada. MRTs and ENPs in Alberta are fortunate to have this status that gives them a voice in public policy, in assuring standards and determining who deserve the use of their professional title. This privilege means putting public safety first and quality practice above all else. A strong Council and a strong staff, alongside members of the profession work together to achieve these objectives. We focus on excelling at governance, assuring a talented staff base, and achieving policy that contributes to good public outcomes.

Bylaws are an important tool that Colleges use to govern the administration of many processes. As best practices in governance evolve, bylaws are adjusted so they continue to serve their purpose in a reasonable, transparent manner. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the bylaws on our website ([click here](#)) and reach out to me or a member of Council with any questions or suggestions. If you wish to propose an amendment, it's easy – simply write one of us a note or call us. Your participation is valued, it will help us to improve our ability to serve you. Council will review and respond to your proposal.

The College Council is well into the planning for setting its strategic direction to cover 2018-21. This is intended to consolidate the College's regulatory performance and the practice of our members within the current context of public expectation. Stay tuned for more information this fall.

President Kelly Sampson and I continue to work with the National Network, a coalition of provincial MRT bodies and associations including the CAMRT and Sonography Canada to share information and address issues of interest. As you might know MRTs are also regulated in Saskatchewan, Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Regulators are responsible for ensuring safe, quality, professional, competent diagnostic and therapeutic services in our respective jurisdictions. We also work through the [Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada](#) (AMRTRC) to share and guide best practice on regulatory issues enabling MRTs to practice in accordance with defined practice, competence, conduct, ethical and professional standards.

I do hope that you have a chance to get outside and enjoy the warmth of summer, it was a long time coming. Take a moment to appreciate each other - the work that you do for patients is amazing and we at the College are proud to work together with you to serve the public.

Warm regards,
Pree

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Upcoming Dates

- July 13 Council meeting
- July 19 Presentation to Cross Cancer Institute - Diagnostic Imaging, Edmonton
- August 6..... Heritage Day (ACMDTT office closed)
- August 22 Governance Workgroup teleconference meeting
- August 31 End of 2017/18 CCP Cycle
- September 1 Labour Day (ACMDTT office closed)
- September 12 Governance Workgroup teleconference meeting
- September 15 Submission deadline for 2017/18 CCP audit
- September 28-29 ... Council meeting
- September 29 Edmonton Branch Education Day
- October 1 Online renewal opens
- October 8 Thanksgiving (ACMDTT office closed)
- October 13 Southern Alberta Branch Education Day
- October 25-26..... 2017/18 CCP Audit
- November 12 Remembrance Day observed (ACMDTT office closed)
- November 16-17 Council meeting
- November 17 Calgary Branch Education Day
- November 19-20 Alliance of Medical Radiation Technologists Regulators of Canada (AMRTRC) meeting
- November 21 National Network meeting in Toronto
- November 30 Registration renewal period closes



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Did you know ...

- The first textbook used to apply the method of diagnosis for the treatment of disease was the Egyptian "Edwin Smith Papyrus".
- It was probably written around 1600 BC, but is regarded as a copy of several earlier texts.
- Medical information in it dates from as early as 3000 BC.
- Imhotep in the 3rd dynasty is credited as the original author of the papyrus text, and founder of ancient Egyptian medicine. The earliest known surgery was performed in Egypt around 2750 BC.



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2017/18 Continuing Competence Program Audit

For the annual audit for the Continuing Competence Program (CCP), 242 regulated members are required to submit their CCP for audit by the Competence Committee. Of this audit sample, seven regulated members were directed to audit by the Registrar and Competence Committee with the remaining names on the list a random computer-generated sample. Email notification was sent out to these members (at the email address provided to the College) on June 1.

As requested, the audited members must provide, via the mandatory My CCP platform, their self-assessment, learning plan and hours of reflective learning. Provision to the College is completed by the selected members pressing the submit button that will be populated into their My CCP platform on September 1. Only at this time will the College be able to see the regulated member's detailed CCP entries.



The Competence Committee working on the 2016/2017 CCP Audit

Please note:

- If you were registered as a full member less than the full CCP cycle, your hours' requirements will be updated on the My CCP platform prior to audit submission.
- The College can only view the CCP cycle for which the regulated member is being audited. All other cycles remain confidential.
- During an audit process, the College does not have access to any non-audited member's detailed CCP entries. These are entirely confidential.

The member's submission is pre-screened by the Director of Education, who provides feedback and guidance to the member in order to increase the member's chance of success on this audit. (This is a further example of the College's attempts to ensure all members are properly supported and guided within their regulatory obligations.) From this screening, the members' submissions are provided to the Competence Committee in October to conduct the audit. Members are notified of their result, and any required follow up, within two weeks of the process. ([Back to Table of Contents](#))

Professional Liability Insurance Audit

The College conducted a Professional Liability Insurance audit in May. 282 members participated in the audit.

Professional liability insurance (PLI) provides protection against claims made alleging liability resulting from the rendering or failure to render professional services.

College regulations stipulate that all practitioners are required to have PLI in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

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Deciding Factor

Previous Scenario

Justin has received a job offer to practice radiological technology for a different employer. The new employer requires that Justin have enhanced practice for medication administration. Justin accepts the position.

Questions to be asked:

Does Justin have to take a new approved program for medication administration now that he no longer works for the initial employer?

On his practice permit Justin has the condition of medication administration. This condition, which authorizes the restricted activity to administer medication, is independent of practice environment. Justin will not have to take a new approved program in order to practice in this area for his new employer.

What happens if there are different medications involved in his practice?

Even though Justin does not have to complete a new approved program, he is responsible to ensure that he understands the duties of his new practice environment. It is Justin's responsibility to learn about the new meds that he will be administering in his new job.

Who is responsible for Justin's practice with new medications?

As the regulated health professional, Justin is responsible for his own practice; however, employers usually help with providing the additional training required for a new practice setting.

What Standards of Practice apply to this scenario?

Here are a few indicators which apply to this situation from a regulatory perspective:

A regulated member will:

Standard 1.2 Clinical procedures

Indicator 1.2d – possess the necessary competence to perform the procedure safely, effectively and ethically

Standard 2.1 Legislation, standards and ethics

Indicator 2.1a – assume personal responsibility for the quality and effectiveness of the regulated member's practice

Indicator 2.1c – perform restricted activities only as authorized according to the regulations of the College

Indicator 2.3a – perform only those restricted activities for which he or she has the required competence and current authorization

Standard 2.3 Restricted activities/enhanced practice

Indicator 2.3a – perform only those restricted activities for which he or she has the required competence and current authorization

Indicator 2.3c – be responsible and accountable for safely performing the restricted activity

Indicator 2.3d – understand the risks associated with performing the restricted activity and ensure that measures are in place to manage any critical or unexpected events associated with performing it

New Scenario

As part of a biopsy procedure, Jennifer, a radiological technologist, is required to set up an IV line and draw blood to be sent away with the pathology. Jennifer does not have venipuncture authorization.

Questions to be asked:

- Are these activities within Jennifer's scope of practice?
- What training does Jennifer have to do in order to perform these activities?
- What Standards of Practice apply to this scenario?

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Call for Volunteers

Competence Committee Members

The College is seeking three regulated members to volunteer on the Competence Committee. The term of office is three years, beginning September 1, 2018.

This Committee is responsible to:

- monitor that individual registered members comply with the requirements of the Continuing Competence Program
- monitor the components of the Continuing Competence Program in order to accurately reflect current needs to enhance the provision of professional services

Member qualifications:

- you must be a regulated member of the College
- you must be able to travel to Edmonton for meetings held on work days up to two times a year

If you are interested in this opportunity, or have further questions, please contact:

Dacia Richmond, Director of Education; drichmond@acmdtt.com

Please respond by August 15, 2018

Conference Program Committee

On the heels of a very successful CONNECT 2018 event, the College is seeking volunteers to help plan the educational component of the 2019 conference!

Committee responsibilities:

- be able to work together and with the College to plan an exciting and informative program
- contact and confirm speaker availability for the conference
- be available for the conference to work as a volunteer on site

If you are interested in this opportunity, or have further questions, please contact:

Dacia Richmond, Director of Education; drichmond@acmdtt.com

Please respond by August 15, 2018

Awards Committee

The College is seeking members to volunteer on the Awards Committee.

This Committee is responsible to:

- promote the awards program
- review and evaluate the award nominations and applications each year
- collaborate with the Awards Committee Chair

Member qualifications:

- you must be a member of the College

If you are interested in this opportunity, or have further questions, please contact:

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Please respond by August 15, 2018

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Mission Statement

The Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists exists so that the public is assured of receiving safe, competent and ethical diagnostic and therapeutic care by a regulated and continually advancing profession.

• **Professionals ACMDTT regulates:**

- radiological technologists, MRT(R)
- radiation therapists, MRT(T)
- magnetic resonance technologists, MRT(MR)
- nuclear medicine technologists, MRT(NM)
- electroneurophysiology technologists, ENP

To find out more about the professions, [click here](#)

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Vision Statement:

Leaders in diagnostic and therapeutic healthcare serving Albertans

Branch information

Peace Country Branch

Branch Chair: Tunde Bodi, MRT(R) (PeaceCountryMRTb@outlook.com)

The Branch would like to put out a call for volunteers for those interested in participating with the Branch Executive.

Member participation is essential to ensure that educational and networking opportunities are available to those in the Branch. These volunteers can be from anywhere in the Peace Country Branch area; however we are specifically looking for a treasurer from the Fort McMurray area.

Next meeting: TBA

Edmonton Branch

Branch Chair: Anastasia Gasheva, MRT(R) (anastasia.edbranch@gmail.com)

The members and executive of the Edmonton Branch would like to extend it's deepest thanks to Kathy Dudycz, MRT(R) for her six years of service as Branch Chair. Kathy will be staying on to assist the Branch but the new Branch Chair is Anastasia Gasheva. Anastasia may be reached at the email above.

For the 2018/19 Branch Term, the Edmonton Branch Executive is:

- Anastasia Gasheva, MRT(R) - Chair
- Abbi Langedahl, MRT(R) - Vice-chair
- Alex Dobrotvorska, MRT(R) - Treasurer
- Krystal Wall, MRT(R) - Education Coordinator
- Linda Alaeddine, MRT(R) - Education Coordinator
- Kathy Dudycz, MRT(R) - Social Convener

Education Day: September 29, 2018
Royal Alexandra Hospital, Robbins Learning Pavilion

Parkland Branch

Branch Chair: Jeff Christenson, MRT(R) (Jeff.Christenson@albertahealthservices.ca)

Next meeting: TBA

Calgary Branch

Branch Chair: Gina McRae, MRT(R) (wellmagm@gmail.com)

Education Day: November 17, 2018
South Health Campus

Southern Alberta Branch

Branch Chair: Carmen Lowry, MRT(R) (carmen.lowry@gmail.com)

Education Day: October 13, 2018
Lethbridge, AB

ENP Branch

Branch Chair: Angie Sarnelli, ENP (angie.sarnelli@albertahealthservices.ca)

Next meeting: TBA

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