



Self-Assessment and Cross-Referencing for internationally trained nuclear medicine technologists

Name: _____

Date: _____

This self-assessment tool is meant to assist you in identifying how your previous program education, work experiences and additional post-program training and educational opportunities compare to the general competency outcome requirements for Alberta-trained technologists.

There are six section headings in this self-assessment tool. Each section has statements related to the section heading. The sections and statements closely compare to the required knowledge, skill and attitude expected of technologists in Alberta.

Each statement requires two steps. For the first step, read through each of the self-assessment categories and statements. For each statement, self-assess your own professional practice and determine the status of your knowledge, skill and competency as it relates to the statement. Please review the chart below to understand the rating system for your self-assessment. Circle the number that is applicable to your own practice based on your knowledge, skill and competency for each statement. There is no right or wrong answer. This tool is used to assist the Registration Committee when your documents are reviewed.

The second step of each statement is the cross-referencing. Below each statement is space for you to reference where you learned, practiced or performed this skill. If your knowledge and skill for each statement can be referenced to one of your educational program courses, please list the course in the space provided. If the experience comes from your work experience, please list the facility where the work experience took place and the dates. If the experiences in any one of statements come from additional training and educational sessions, please list the learning activity in the space provided and include documents with your application verifying completion of the additional training and educational sessions you listed. The more information you can provide the more information the Registration Committee will have when making a decision regarding your application.

Self- Assessment Categories:		
1	I have never performed or learned about this skill/task.	<i>This is not something taught within the respective clinical program or learned through work experience.</i>
2	I have not performed this skill since my initial training.	<i>This is something only learned in the clinical program and not put into practice while working in the field.</i>
3	I have had experience in this area. The experiences have not been recent.	<i>This is something taught within the clinical program or practiced early on in the career. This skill has not been practiced in the past five years.</i>
4	I have limited experience in this area. The experiences are recent.	<i>This is something taught within the clinical program and/or practiced in the career. The occurrences are infrequent and practiced within the last five years.</i>
5	I have extensive experience in this area. The experiences are recent.	<i>This is something that is performed on a daily basis or fairly regularly. The occurrences are frequent and practiced within the last five years.</i>

Section 1: Professional Accountability and Responsibility

Legislation, Standards and Ethics

Adhere to and apply the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice within my practice as outlined by my association or regulatory body. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform my duties while upholding my patients' legal and civil rights. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Maintain confidentiality of patient information and records. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Teamwork

Work effectively and communicate professionally within a multidisciplinary healthcare team. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Negotiate resolutions to conflicts and problems in my practice environment. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Professional Advocacy

Supervise, interact with and evaluate student technologists in the practice environment. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Provide education which is responsive to the diverse needs of the patient, public and healthcare population. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Share professional knowledge with other members of the multidisciplinary healthcare team. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Contribute to quality control initiatives and/or research activities. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Professional Competence

Demonstrate personal commitment to continuing professional development through formal programs and/or self-directed learning.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Section 2: Workplace Health & Safety

Radiation Safety/Protection

Consistently apply the principles of ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable).

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Follow established policies and procedures to reduce radiation exposure risks to staff and others within the work environment.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Follow established policies and procedures regarding patients who might be pregnant.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Follow established policies and procedures to seek clarification to orders, requisitions or instructions.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Prevent and manage radioactive contamination of self, equipment and environment.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Manage radioactive spills according to regulations and employer standards.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Comply with the regulations when shipping and receiving radioactive materials.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform leak tests, wipe tests and radiation surveys.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Occupational Health and Safety

Consistently apply standards in the handling, use, storage and disposal of hazardous workplace materials. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Adhere to Occupational Health and Safety standards in the workplace 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Emergencies

Respond appropriately to all facility threats and emergencies 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Section 3: Patient Care

Patient Environment

Administer first aid/basic life support in emergency situations. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Apply body-fluid precautions to prevent contamination of person(s), equipment and environment. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Appropriately manage patient ancillary devices (i.e. intravenous (IV) lines and other diagnostic and therapeutic tubes/lines; IV pumps and other patient monitors; oxygen flow). 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

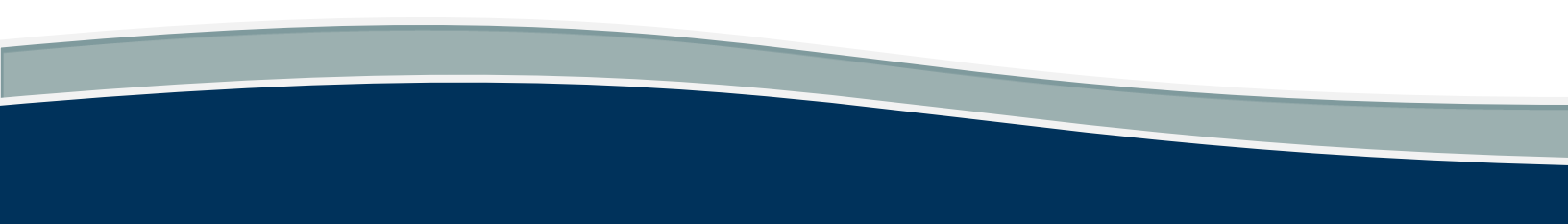
Ensure safe patient transfers. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Patient Assessment and Intervention

Ensure patient’s understanding of, and consent for, all procedures prior to action. 1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____



Adapt assessment and screening procedures according to patient's presentation and needs. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Identify contraindications to proceed with the patient's procedure. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Operate power injector. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Safely administer medications, radiopharmaceuticals **and/or contrast media** to the patient as required for imaging purposes. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Monitor and assess patient vital signs. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Recognize and respond appropriately to changes in patient condition including when adverse reactions are experienced by patients receiving medications, radiopharmaceuticals **or contrast media.** 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Communication and Education

Provide pre- and post-procedural instructions, education and care to the patient. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Provide for the needs of patients and their families. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Recording and Documenting

Use current, appropriate and clear medical terminology. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Input and retrieve data using appropriate media. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Section 4: Operation of Equipment

Fundamental Equipment Procedures

Ensure safe operation of radiation emitting, radiation safety and radiation monitoring equipment according to manufacturer's specification and departmental policies. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform basic troubleshooting; correct or report as appropriate. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Operate dose calibrators. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Operate well detectors and probes. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Operate survey meters and area monitors. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform Equipment Quality Control (QC)

Perform QC of imaging equipment according to departmental policies and standards. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform QC of analytical equipment according to departmental policies and standards. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Evaluate outcomes of QC procedures. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Maintain equipment QC and repair records. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Section 5: Clinical Procedures

Radiopharmacy

Elute molybdenum generator. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform radionuclide and chemical purity tests on eluate. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Prepare the eluate and label pharmaceutical with the eluate. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform radiochemical purity tests on radiopharmaceuticals. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Accurately calculate and dispense diagnostic and/or therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Fundamental Clinical Procedures

Confirm accuracy and completeness of requisition and resulting documentation. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Accurately prepare the patient and the equipment for all procedures. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform venipuncture. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Insert or remove instruments or devices beyond the opening of the urethra for the purpose of administering diagnostic examinations.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Input and access digital and electronic data relative to the management of the patient.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Compound or administer blood or blood products to perform autologous procedures.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Administer the correct radiopharmaceutical by the appropriate route.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform planar imaging.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform SPECT imaging.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform SPECT/CT imaging.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform PET and/or PET/CT imaging.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform bone mineral densitometry.

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Perform dedicated computed tomography (CT).

1 2 3 4 5

Cross – referencing information: _____

Adapt standard protocols for the patient's age and condition. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Complete all procedures while adhering to high standards of radiation protection for the patient. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Assess images and data sets and confirm accuracy, acceptability and completeness. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Evaluate the need for additional or modified views based on acquired images. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Optimize and store electronic images. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Maintain knowledge of pathologies, conditions, diseases and disorders. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Additional Procedures

Set up and ensure an acceptable ECG acquisition. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Set up patient isolation room for I-131 therapy. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Monitor patient receiving I-131 therapy. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Decontaminate patient isolation room following I-131 therapy. 1 2 3 4 5
Cross – referencing information: _____

Prepare standard and stock solutions for the laboratory.	1	2	3	4	5
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Cross – referencing information: _____

Section 6: Interpretation and Analysis

Analyze and Enhance Practice

Evaluate 'best practices' in relation to quality assurance programs.	1	2	3	4	5
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Participate in professional growth opportunities which include research and presentations.	1	2	3	4	5
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