

2022 SAMRT Council

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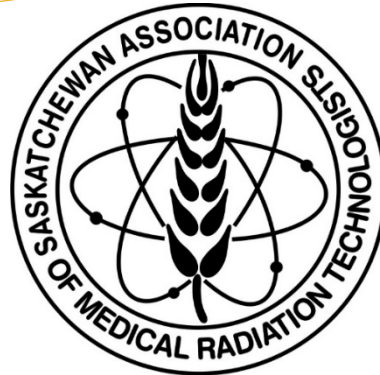
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President's Message – Scott Mildenberger

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Scott Mildenberger and I will be SAMRT president for 2022. The SAMRT has some big projects that we will be working on this year.

Our strategic plan is coming to an end in 2022 so we will have to develop a plan for the years coming up. I was involved with developing the strategic plan the last time and I was surprised at how much work it was but it was rewarding helping to set the goals for the SAMRT. I'm looking forward to helping again this time.

We want to incorporate a jurisprudence course/exam this year as well. We don't fully know what this will look like yet but I will keep everyone in the loop when we know more. The idea is we would like the members to have a better understanding what role the SAMRT plays in regulating MRT's.

Last year the SAMRT, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Association of Diagnostic Sonographers (SADMS) and other key stake holders applied to the government for the SAMRT to regulate sonographers. We are currently waiting for the Saskatchewan Government to give us feedback but we are hopeful this will move forward this year.

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Finally, on a personal note, I want to say wow, has it really been two years with COVID? Did anyone really think we would still be dealing with COVID two years later? I have to say how proud I am of all the technologists I work with, both at the SHA and the SAMRT council, things are continually evolving and people continue to adapt and deal with it. What an amazing group of people MRTs are. I'm truly am blown away at everyone's hard work and resilience.

If anyone ever wants to get a hold of me to discuss what's happening with the SAMRT or if you have concerns please feel free to email me at President@SAMRT.org. I always value feedback.

Respectfully submitted by,

Scott Mildenberger, RTNM CTIC PET/CT, SAMRT President



SAMRT Awards –

Call for Nominations

Nominations close at noon
on March 18

The SAMRT Awards Committee is accepting nominations in the following categories:

Clinical Excellence Award

Recognizes an individual who participates in the development of new knowledge or research and provides respectful, efficient, effective, safe and ethical care and who promotes the profession by example of clinical excellence to others.

[Clinical Excellence](#)

Mentorship Award

Recognizes an individual who directly participates in activities that promote education and development of medical radiological technology students, colleagues, and other health providers and who promotes the profession by being an excellent mentor to others.

[Mentorship](#)



COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The SAMRT has three vacancies on Council for a 3-year term effective Jan. 2023-Dec. 2025. **Please consider running for a position, or nominate another member.**

The SAMRT Council is made up of:

3 government appointed representatives, and 8 elected MRT members. Council members serve a three-year term, effective January 1.

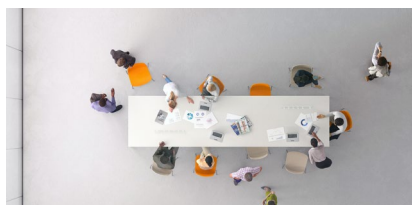
Nominations close at noon on March 18, 2022.

The [Nomination form](#) is on the website under About > Member Resources

Find out more about the role and responsibilities here: [Council Information Brochure](#)

Council members are accountable for the overall governance of the College, which includes:

- Acting as one, in the best interests of the public.
- Defining strategic direction for the college.
- Overseeing fiscal management of the college.
- Appointment of the executive director of the college.
- Avoiding conflict of interest.
- Respecting confidentiality.
- Ensure compliance with legislation requirements under the Saskatchewan Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006, and the Bylaws.



The SAMRT 2022 AGM

April 30, 2022

We are pleased to announce the Spring AGM will be held on Saturday, April 30 via Zoom. Registration details will soon be sent out via eblast.

Highlights:

Start time: 10:00 AM

CE Credits: 2 – based on an anticipated meeting time of 1 hour plus allowance of time to pre-read the annual reports.

Your new Council members and President/Vice-President will be announced.

This is your opportunity to ask questions and be informed about the work of the SAMRT.

Awards: recognition of outgoing council and committee members, academic excellence, clinical excellence and mentorship awards will also be presented.

EDUCATION SESSION

The SAMRT is pleased to once again partner with the CAMRT to offer a virtual education session immediately following the AGM. Details of the topics and *FREE* registration will be sent to your inbox very soon. Please save the date to join us for this excellent education opportunity.



SAMRT Strategic Plan 2020-2022





Year 2 Update

Completed on time or ahead of schedule:

- Public Protection:**
Developed FAQ to assist members and the public with understanding the complaints process.
- Public Protection:**
Submitted report to the government in support of regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers.
- Capacity of College:**
Further system enhancements to support licensing of MRTs and to provide useful information about the profession.
- Community Engagement:**
Strengthened partnership with educational institutions for MRTs.

Year 3 Goals

- Public Protection:**
Entry to practice process and labour mobility review.
- Professional Practice:**
MRT audits are validated by online submissions providing a more streamlined and accessible approach for members.
- Professional Practice:**
Increase member knowledge of self-regulation through newsletters and eblasts. And the development of a Jurisprudence education program for existing and new members.

Public Protection	Capacity of College	Community Engagement	Professional Practice
 <p>Our number one priority is protection of the public.</p> <p>On-going improvements in this 3-year cycle include an improved complaints and discipline process with easier access and greater transparency.</p> <p>The SAMRT will also continue to ensure a fair and transparent entry to practice of all medical imaging and radiation MRTs and continue to facilitate the regulation of sonographers through legislation.</p>	 <p>Significant resources will focus on ensuring that our information technology systems and content meet regulatory, operational and strategic requirements through the upgrading of our member database and website.</p> <p>By 2020, both systems will be operational and functioning.</p>	 <p>Continue to foster relationships and collaborate with our key partners and stakeholders both within Saskatchewan and across Canada. This includes educational institutions, members of the public, government and employers.</p> <p>Annually, the SAMRT will meet with the MRT educational institutes and the Ministry of Health to provide relevant information.</p>	 <p>Ensure the continued competence of MRTs is validated through tracking and auditing of continuing education with the ability to upload supporting documents.</p> <p>As well, in this 3-year cycle, the SAMRT will develop and implement a jurisprudence program to ensure members understand the role of self-regulation and the responsibilities that go with it.</p>

2020	2021	2022
<p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of new member database and website Online complaints and discipline process Member education on complaints process Government initiatives 	<p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member database and website enhancements Strengthen relationship with education partners Member education on self-regulation Additional information for public and members - complaints process 	<p>In progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry to practice & labour mobility review MRT Audits are validated by online submissions Jurisprudence program - members understand their role and responsibilities

Annual Member Audit

The SAMRT performs an annual audit on 10% of the membership to provide verification of their credits as declared on their renewal. The credit accumulation is tracked between December 1 - November 30th in line with our dues year rather than calendar year. Continuing education is mandatory for maintaining membership /licensure with the SAMRT. Each MRT has a duty to attend, track, and report CE activity regardless of employment or registration status. A minimum of 10 Medical Radiation Technology credits per year are required.

Members are also required to verify that they have worked the minimum amount of medical radiation technology practice hours, and to provide proof of Professional Liability Insurance.

More information about the continuing education program is available on our website: Legislation and Policies => [Continued Competence Program](#). The audit takes place in the spring and audited members are notified via email.

CAMRT NATIONAL CONFERENCE



CAMRT 2022

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The National Conference for MRTs

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Mark your calendar for April 23-24, 2022! Join us in-person in Vancouver, or virtually, for two full days of education, discussion, and networking at CAMRT 2022, the national conference for MRTs. Can't make it to Vancouver? All sessions will be available to watch live via our virtual conference platform.

Expanding Scope of Practice for MRTs

Guest Article - Jacquie Turley

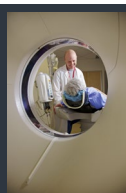
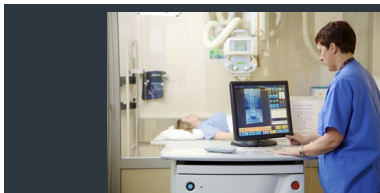
In 2019, Cole Frandsen at St. Paul's Hospital (SPH) implemented a pilot project in Interventional Radiology to have IR Technologists place PICC Lines under fluoroscopy guidance. With support from the radiologists, the Tech PICC program reduced the wait times and costs associated with PICC line insertions. In that same year a representative of the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) met with various Medical Imaging representatives and identified Saskatoon as a potential location for an Advanced Practice Technologist Pilot Project.

Advanced Practitioners have been described as "one who works autonomously in practice whilst continuously developing their practice within their own field of expertise". These positions vary in name and title but are already in practice across many countries and disciplines, including many of Canada's radiation therapy departments.

With aging populations, an Interventional Radiologist shortage, and increasing healthcare costs, the UK and the USA have introduced Advanced Practice models. The healthcare system in Canada is under similar constraints with workforce, budget, and aging populations. Never has that been more obvious than in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Interventional Radiology Technologists Jacquie Turley and Cole Frandsen at SPH have received a research grant from the CAMRT to begin studying the case for developing and implementing an Advanced Practice role in IR. In the coming months, the researchers will be asking for participants in this project through a series of surveys and online virtual focus groups to get an understanding of the variety of practice across the province and the current state of expanded roles for MRTs. They believe that the expansion of technologist roles will contribute to the recovery of the healthcare system in the coming years and will serve to evolve the national practice of MRTs. Please watch for posters in your department with the relevant information!

Anyone with questions about the project or who wishes to participate can contact the principle investigator Jacquie Turley at jacqueline.turley2@saskhealthauthority.ca or on site at SPH (306) 655-5140.



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