



The SAMRT is pleased to provide members with a brief biography of the candidates who have allowed their name to stand in the Council election for the term of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024.

The election period will run August 23 – September 6, 2021.

There are three vacancies and seven candidates. When the election period opens, eligible members will receive an electronic ballot and will be asked to vote for three of the candidates. Results will be announced at the September 11, 2021, Annual General Meeting.

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Ariel Adamson, RTMR, BA, BHSc

Ariel Adamson is an MRI Technologist for Mayfair Diagnostics and the Saskatoon Health Region. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Saskatchewan, Bachelor of Health Science with distinction from Thompson Rivers University (TRU), an MRI diploma from Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), and the American MRI license. She completed the MRI Safety Officer course in Vancouver, BC in 2018.

Over the last three years, she has dedicated her free time to volunteering on diagnostic imaging committees through SAMRT and the CAMRT. Ariel sits on the Exam Validation Committee and Education Advisory Council for the CAMRT. She serves on the SAMRT Council and sit on the Community Engagement Committee and co-manage the social media accounts and sits on the Awards Committee. Ariel also enjoys volunteering at the many Choc'la Cure foundation events hosted by Dutch Growers, as the proceeds raised are utilized by the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. Her family believes in giving back to the community and has created the Mike Adamson Memorial Award at the University of Saskatchewan.

She has been fortunate to work in several healthcare settings including acute care, non-acute care, and private industry. Over the last three years on council, she has been able to implement changes to our community engagement approaches. She would like to continue to grow our social media presence, so our members feel connected.

Ariel's goal if re-elected is to continue to bring forward networking opportunities for MRT's. She hopes to continue to enlighten our members on what the SAMRT does, and the benefits it brings to the public and members regarding patient safety.

Finte Adem, RTR

Since 2011, Finte Adem has worked at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina as a medical radiation technologist in general radiography as well as the CT department.

His education was completed through The University of Toronto (U of T) and the Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences graduating with a diploma in radiological technology and a BSc degree in radiation sciences, completed between 2008-2011. While working full time as an MRT, he attended the online program offered by the University of Saskatchewan (U of S), from 2013-2016 and graduated with a Master of Public Health.

Finte has been involved with the SAMRT council for over six years. He was introduced to council when he volunteered as a member at large on the Audit and Finance Committee, completing one term (2013 – 2016). That opportunity exposed him to the work the council does in regulating our profession in the province with the mandate of protecting the public. Once he became a council member, he learned the ins and outs of the work SAMRT does to regulate the MRT profession. Finte has served on council for over three years; his current term expires at the end of 2021.

If re-elected, he would like to advocate for the MRT profession in Saskatchewan to maintain the current level of educational hours at the college level and possibly enhance it to a degree level. The education and training of MRTs in Saskatchewan has come under the employment/government focus. It appears there is a push to reduce the educational requirement hours for student MRTs. This is contrary to evidence showing a need for MRTs to increase their education to possibly a degree level with at least 3 years. In some parts of Canada and globally, there has been a shift to a degree program with increased didactic lessons in such fields as pharmacology, physiology, management, and patient care. This is important in enabling MRTs to expand the profession with Advance Practices, where members can take on more responsibility in their practice. This would ensure MRTs will have the necessary education, skills, knowledge, and confidence to provide the best and safest patient care. This is a benefit to Saskatchewan residents.

Janis Dodds, RTR

Janis Dodds graduated from SIAST, now Saskatchewan Polytechnic, in 2008. She began her x-ray career at Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon working in general x-ray for five years, followed by five years working in interventional radiology. Janis is currently enjoying opportunities provided to her in the role as Medical Imaging Quality and Safety Supervisor (Saskatoon).

Janis is in her eighth year as a member on her condominium board and has provided her with experience in working on a committee and in decision making.

If elected as a council member, Janis looks forward to engaging with council members, to assist in promoting the standards of the SAMRT organization. Safety is of upmost importance to Janis, and she is very interested in highlighting safety and quality assurance within the SAMRT.

Janelle Hordos, RTT, CTRT

Janelle Hordos began her journey in Radiation Therapy in 2002, graduating along with seven other therapists in Saskatchewan. She moved into her current position in 2020, as Radiation Therapy Clinical Educator in Regina. In this position she enjoys the balance between supporting staff in the department, as well as coaching and guiding radiation therapy students, working through their clinical rotations.

Since starting her career, Janelle has been a member of numerous committees, always looking to learn something new. She had a lead role in the selection process and subsequent training processes in the Regina cancer centre, radiation therapy department upgrading their CT Simulator in 2019. Along with this, she took the lead in updating the associated policy and procedure documentation. She continues to be actively involved, most recently appointed to the SAMRT Continued Competence Committee and was selected to participate as an Item Writer as part of the CAMRT Certification Exam Development this fall.

In her personal life, she has been on the SCC (school community council) for her children's school, serving as an elected member for the first five years, and as co-chair for the past two. With this commitment, she is actively involved with many of the different committees including, but not limited to, fundraising and community engagement. In addition, she has also been the main scheduler for the Ladies Basketball League of Regina, for the past approximately nine years.

Joining the SAMRT council, would be a great opportunity to learn something new, and the chance to gain a different perspective, in contrast to being a member. It would be advantageous to see how decisions are made and have the chance to contribute and collaborate on new ideas, while providing the perspective of a radiation therapist.

Ifeanyi Nwokocha, RTR, B.Sc (Hons), PGDip DMS, MSc

Ifeanyi Nwokocha holds a bachelors degree (B.Sc Hons) in Medical Radiography from The University of Calabar, Nigeria (2009), a master's degree (MSc) in Medical Imaging from Nnamdi Azikiewe University, Awka, Nigeria (2015), and a post graduate diploma (PGD) in Medical Sonography from the Institute of Radiography of Nigeria (2017).

Ifeanyi has worked as a certified and licensed Radiographer and Sonographer in several hospitals in Nigeria and that includes: University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin (2009), University College Hospital, Ibadan (2010), Nnamdi Azikiewe University Teaching Hospital, Nnewi (2011) and Holy Rosary Specialist Hospital, Onitsha (2013).

In the course of his training and career, as somebody with great passion for the growth and progress of the Medical Radiation Technology profession, he has held several positions and served in numerous committees, some of which include; President, Radiography Students Association - University of Calabar (2006/2007); Radiographers Representative in Nigeria Union of Allied Health Professionals (NUAHP) – NAUTH Nnewi Chapter (2015 - 2017); Secretary, Association of Radiographers of Nigeria (ARN) - ARN Anambra State Chapter (2015 -2018); Committee Secretary - 2013/2014 ARN Constitution Drafting Committee, ARN Anambra State Chapter; Committee Chairman - 2017 World Radiography Day Planning Committee; Member, Secretary and Chairman of Electoral Committees in the ARN, Radiography Students Association and Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences Student Association at various times.

Presently, in Canada Ifeanyi works as an MRT with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) at the Pasqua Hospital, Regina, and at the Northgate Medical Clinic, Regina.

If elected, he would:

1. Further the progression of MRT training and qualification(s), review and expand the MRT course curriculum and advocate for role extension and advancement
2. Proper, efficient, and effective regulation and licensing of MRT and Sonography practices in Saskatchewan.
3. Work to establish a research group for colleagues that are interested in carrying out research in medical imaging/radiation sciences and encourage publication of research works from our province on numerous radiology / medical journals in Canada and around the world.
4. To make SAMRT become more vibrant, the contributions of MRT professionals to the health and wellbeing of Saskatchewan residents more visible and appreciated, as well as make the MRT profession gain her pride of place amongst the committee of health care professionals.

Nathan Rosenberg, RTMR, RTR

Nathan Rosenberg is a dual certified MRI/Medical Radiologic Technologist. He works for the Saskatchewan Health Authority as an MRI Technologist and in the private sector as an X-Ray Technologist. He has served on council for 6 years and has been involved in many different committees. Currently he chairs the Committee Engagement Committee and a member of the Awards committee. Nathan feels very privileged to be part of such an amazing association for so many years. He has learned so much during this time and has enjoyed giving back to the profession.

Currently he is chair of the Community Engagement Committee. Since this committee was renamed and the term of reference reviewed a few years ago we have seen significant progression. Our association now has a presence on the social media world. This has opened the public's eyes and increased the awareness of what it means to be an MRT. MRTs have been able to connect and see what the SAMRT is about in ways never seen before. Nathan wishes to serve on council to continue to enhance our social media presence and continue to engage with members and the people of Saskatchewan.

Shane Timm, RTR

High performing, versatile, and respected professional with over 20 years experience in various front line and leadership roles within the field of Medical Imaging. Expertise in directing multi-disciplinary teams and providing strategic direction resulting in improved outcomes. Leader in change management and innovation, effecting positive results through continual quality improvement, both at a local and provincial level. Dynamic leadership with a focus on client and family centered care while building and strengthening existing relations with both clients and colleagues across the healthcare continuum.

Professional Experience & Key Accomplishments

Director of Diagnostic Imaging and Nuclear Medicine Services 2015-Present

- Current Co-Lead for Acute Care Covid Vaccination Strategy for Saskatoon
- Medical Imaging Lead for Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Project
- Program sponsor for Technologist PICC Insertion Program
- Key stakeholder in capital outlay and implementation of Provincial Voice Recognition system

Manager of Nuclear Medicine and PET/CT Services 2012-2015

- Capital & Project planning lead for Provincial PET/CT Program
- Provision of hands-on leadership in day-to-day operations and overall strategic direction for Nuclear Medicine and PET/CT

Medical Radiation Technologist, St. Paul's Hospital 1998-2012

- CT specialty training
- Performed PACS administrator role
- Served as site representative on Medical Imaging Safety Committee – Saskatoon

Goal is to continue personal and professional development within the field of Medical Imaging as well as give back through means of volunteer hours to help promote and grow the SAMRT.