

September 22, 2021

Dear Stakeholders:

The Government of Saskatchewan is considering a proposal to amend *The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006* (the Act) to allow for the regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers under the Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (SAMRT).

This is a follow up consultation to the Stakeholder Consultation conducted in May 2019. In December 2019, following extensive consultation and two townhall style education and feedback sessions with Saskatchewan sonographers, the Ministry of Health requested the SAMRT address concerns in the following three areas:

- 1. The protected titles for sonographers, per section 22 of the Act
- 2. The proposed name of the regulatory body
- 3. Proposed transition and governance of the regulatory body

As part of the consultation process, we invite you to review the attached package and provide comments on or before **September 30, 2021**.

Background:

The proposal on self-regulation of diagnostic medical sonographers was submitted jointly by the SAMRT and the Saskatchewan Association of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (SADMS). Since January 2021, the SAMRT, together with SADMS and sonographer members of Sonography Canada have developed recommendations to address the key concerns and to expand on the proposed transition and governance to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers (DMS) under the Act.

While the government of Saskatchewan is supportive in principle of our 2018 application, and acknowledges the need for public protection, the concerns they highlighted have resulted in recommendations to address these key areas.

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- Stakeholder Consultation/Survey Questions
- Additional information supporting the rationale for the recommendations
- Questions and Answers Regarding the Regulation of Sonographers

Comments/feedback can be provided by email at <u>debbieschatz@samrt.org</u> , or by mail or fax to:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 306-525-1434.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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