

# NEWS LETTER

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## Practice ?

### Question:

As a MIRTP what should you do if you are unsure if a conflict of interest exists related to an action/activity you are contemplating?

- Ask yourself who benefits, and would you be comfortable if others knew about the arrangement
- Consult the NSCMIRTP Code of Professional Conduct and your employer's policy
- Consult your colleagues or the College
- All answers are correct

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## AGM & Plenary Session

NSCMIRTP 3rd Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on **Saturday June 10th 2023 at 11am**. To attend you will need to register [here](#). The annual report will be posted to the [website](#) by May 12th 2023.



For those not available to attend the AGM live, the recording will be available on our [You Tube Channel](#) approximately one week after the live event.

Prior to the AGM from **9.30 - 10.30am** there will be a plenary talk,  
**“Indigenous History: Uncovering our Past, Exploring our Future”**  
presented by **Houston Barnaby, J.D.**  
Founding Partner - Barrister & Solicitor  
**Indigenous Treaty Partners Consulting Services Inc.**

*"Mi'kmaw from Listuguj, QC, Houston is an Indigenous Rights lawyer who has represented the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs in areas of Governance and has gained industry knowledge and experience negotiating Impact Benefit Agreements with proponents in the Province during that time. Houston is also a Board member of the Nova Scotia Community College Foundation, whose mission is dedicated to helping students in financial need and improving access to education. Growing up on a First Nation's reserve, Houston has seen firsthand the importance of all levels of government coming together to find a solution that respects the inherent right of the First Nations to govern themselves and the needs of surrounding communities. Houston is passionate about bridging the gap between stakeholders and rightsholders for a stronger Canada, together."*

CPD credits can be claimed for both the plenary session (1CPD) and the AGM (1CPD), CPD certificates will be sent out to those in attendance. If you attend as a group, the person who registered can email a list of attendees including times and signatures to [info@nscmirtp.ca](mailto:info@nscmirtp.ca), CPD certificates will then be issued. NSCMIRTP will endeavour to have all certificates distributed within 2 weeks of the AGM. If you watch the AGM on You Tube you can claim CPD credits but they will be classified as unverifiable as a certificate can not be issued. Please reach out to [joannejones@nscmirtp.ca](mailto:joannejones@nscmirtp.ca) with any questions related to these certificates.

For videos and news view [NSCMIRTP-YouTube Channel](#)



The NSCMIRTP does not send out tax receipts. Registrants can access receipts for their fees at any time by logging into the registrant platform and scrolling down and selecting “**My Applications**”, then select the receipt you would like to print. The receipt does not subtract off any refunds given. If you receive a partial refund it is your responsibility to reflect this in your personal taxes.

## We Are Hiring

### Administrative Research

The NSCMIRTP has signed on with the NICHE project being carried out by Nova Scotia Health. The project’s aim is to improve pathways and supports to licensing for international applicants. As part of this initiative NSCMIRTP will be conducting research on targeted countries to determine scopes of practice and education and assess if they are substantively similar to Canada. The objective is to identify jurisdictions that the College would no longer require individual credential assessment and allow automatic access to the national exam. This new approach has the promise of significantly decreasing licensing time and increasing the number of licensed MIRTPs in the province, while also reducing administrative requirements. We are hiring a fully funded full-time temporary university student to conduct this research. They are expected to begin work in May and submit results of research by the end of August 2023.

## Public Relations



Further to our engagement with the PR firm **Arrivals and Departures** work is continuing on our social media presence and messaging. The College would like to welcome Brooke Bowers as our Summer Co-op Student. Brooke is a PR student at MSVU She will be working with us for the summer to help develop and populate our social media calendar and do some modifications to our website. This is a partly funding position for 14 weeks.



## Professional Liability Insurance (PLI)

Registrants receive an automated email from NSCMIRTP, 30 days prior to the expiration of their PLI policy reminding them to update their policy. It is the responsibility of all registrants to ensure they have current PLI and that policy is updated in their registrant profile. In the event they do not update it prior to expiration the College will receive an automatic notification that PLI has expired.

When entering PLI, please go to the **Insurance Section**, upload your proof of PLI and enter the expiration date. **Do not upload to the documents section.** Please check that you have entered the correct expiration date, as the automated emails are created using the expiration date field.



## Learning Management System (LMS Platform)

The NSCMIRTP is in the process of adopting an LMS platform to improve the delivery of our refresher and jurisprudence programs. Roll out is expected to occur in late 2023 or early 2024.

## Temporary Licensing of International Applicants

Effective March 15th 2023 international applicants who have been granted access to the national entry to practice exam are now eligible for a *temporary conditional licensing* with the NSCMIRTP.



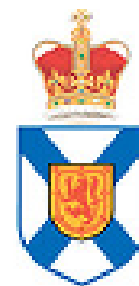
This would include any international applicant that has undergone education, currency and credential assessment and has been found to have substantive similarity to the Canadian competency profile, national standards and has registered to write the next sitting of the national entry to practice exam(s).

An individual licensed under this provision will require direct supervision of practice at all times by a licensed MIRTTP of the same discipline who is in good standing with the College and protected titles cannot be used. Direct supervision is defined as the supervising technologist/therapist must always be in the room with the candidate and all decisions or procedures/tasks performed must be done through direct supervision. It is the intent by approving temporary licensing of international applicants that it will allow them the opportunity to gain Canadian experience and support them in preparing to write the national entry to practice exam(s).

The temporary license will stay in effective until results of the national exam(s) are released. If successful the license will be updated to a full active license without conditions. If unsuccessful the license will expire unless approval for an extension is granted by the credentials committee.

## Health Regulations Act, Bill 256-Patient Access to care

[Bill 256](#) was presented in law amendments on March 27th, many regulators including NSCMIRTP spoke to support the intent of the legislation and shared suggested edits for improvement. The Bill was passed with no amendments.



The purpose of this Act is to improve patient access to care by further opening the Province to out-of-province health professionals, ensuring all health professionals can work to the full extent of their training and continuing the reduction of administrative burdens in health care, including incenting companies to reduce their administrative demands on health professionals.

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## CAMRT Leadership Development Institute Opportunity



Each year NSCMIRTP sends one current volunteer to CAMRT's Leadership Development Institute being held in Ottawa from **October 13-15th 2023**.

This 3-day event is designed to engage individuals who have demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to the advancement of the medical imaging or radiation therapy professions. The program's objective is to develop a vibrant and motivated volunteer base to draw on for future leadership needs of the College, and at the same time, to provide leaders with enhanced skills that will further their professional progress.

### **Participants in the program will:**

- learn effective leadership and communication skills,
- learn about their own personal strengths and challenges as leaders and how to adapt their style to work effectively in different group or committee settings,
- learn how to effectively facilitate different types of meetings,
- gain an understanding of leadership within the MIRT profession, and experience national networking opportunities with their peers.

All expenses are covered by NSCMIRTP. To express an interest please submit an application by June 30th, 2023 to [info@nscmirtp.ca](mailto:info@nscmirtp.ca). [Application form](#)

To apply through the NSCMIRTP you must be a current volunteer with the College and be willing to commit to volunteering for a two year period. This is open to all volunteers of the NSCMIRTP including MRTs, sonographers and public volunteers.

MRTs also have the ability to apply for this opportunity through the CAMRT website. When applying through CAMRT the criteria for eligibility is different than for those applying through the NSCMIRTP.

## Practice Advisory Answer

Correct Answer— **d. all answers are correct**



Is there a conflict of interest? If you're unsure, try following these steps:

- Ask yourself who benefits. If the patient or client does not benefit, but you do, you likely have a conflict of interest. If both of you benefit, there might still be a problem.
- Consider whether you would be comfortable if others knew about the arrangement -employer, colleagues, friends, family. If you wouldn't want them to know, you likely have a conflict of interest.
- Consult the Code of Professional Conduct and your employer's policy. Is there anything in there that prohibits the scenario you're considering?
- Ask colleagues or the College for a professional opinion about whether you have a conflict of interest.

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