



NEWS LETTER

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Practice Question

The practice of a regulated health professional can be very complex. NSCMIRTTP welcomes inquiries from MIRTTPs asking us to help them understand topics like practice standards or the role and responsibilities of NSCMIRTTP in regulating the profession. For this newsletter we will answer one of the frequent questions we receive.

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- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. It depends....

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AGM

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NSCMIRTP 5th Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on **Saturday June 7th 2025 at 11am—12pm**. To attend you will need to register [here](#). The annual report has been posted to the [website](#).



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 to 10:30 am** there will be a plenary talk,

DI Stewardship in Action: Quality is a Team Sport

The presenters are: Stephanie Schofield, Provincial DI Quality & Stewardship Leader, NSH
Dr. Judy Rowe, Radiologist & Medical Lead, DI Digital Transformation, NSH
Rebecca Jessome, DI Clinical Lead, eServices, NSH

Join us for a comprehensive presentation on Diagnostic Imaging (DI) Stewardship, where we will explore the key principles and initiatives shaping the future of DI in Nova Scotia. Learn about the core pillars of stewardship, including education, standardization, and appropriateness, which ensures the effective and responsible use of our imaging resources. Discover the importance of the Choosing Wisely campaign in promoting evidence-based decision-making and reducing unnecessary tests for patients. Finally, gain insight into provincial initiatives designed to optimize imaging practices across the region and how you can get involved. This session will help MIRTPs understand the essential role of DI Stewardship and how it benefits everyone involved in the healthcare system.

CPD credits can be claimed for both the CPD education session (0.5 CPD) and the AGM (1 CPD), 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, CPD certificates will then be issued. NSCMIRTP will endeavour to have all certificates distributed by June 30th. 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 info@nscmirtp.ca with any questions related to these certificates.

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



Tax Receipts

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. If you are unable to access your tax receipt this year, please reach out to info@nscmirtp.ca.

Resigning and Reinstating

When a registrant takes a leave from their practice, it is important to resign (surrender your license) in good standing with the Regulator. This is accomplished by ensuring all CPD credits are up to date, that proof of personal liability insurance was active and on file until the time of resignation, and dues were fully paid up to the start of your leave.

Letting your license expire rather than resigning in good standing will result in a reinstatement fee upon your return.

When you are ready to reactivate your license in anticipation of a return to work, an on-line reinstatement application must be started at least two weeks prior to when the license is needed. Please ensure you have the following ready:

- Current proof of Personal Liability Insurance (PLI)
- A valid credit card to add to your on-line account
- A vulnerable sector check dated within the last 6 months
- Your primary email address on file needs to be monitored throughout the reinstatement process

Applications are generally reviewed within 2-3 business days.



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 the policy is updated in their registrant profile. In the event they do not update it prior to expiration the Regulator will receive an automatic notification that PLI has expired. Proof of an active PLI policy needs to be provided at the time of license renewal. Acceptable documents are a screenshot or photo of your policy clearly showing your name and effective time period.

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.



Refresher Program and the LMS Platform

We are excited to announce changes to our Refresher program and an expansion in the use of the LMS platform. NSCMIRTP is the only Regulator in Canada offering refresher programs for Radiological Technology, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, and Sonography. We are excited to announce that a Radiation Therapy program is now being developed. In addition, the refresher program, including exams, are moving on to our LMS platform.

Temporary New Grad Licenses (Provisional)

New Canadian educated graduates can be granted a temporary provisional license to practice while waiting for the results of their national credentialing exams.



Applicants must provide proof of completion of their educational program and have an exam write date. They must have a confirmed offer of employment and a signed letter of supervision from the employer. All other licensing requirements must also be met, including personal liability insurance, proof of legal ability to work in Canada, a vulnerable sector check, and completion of NSCMIRTP's Jurisprudence educational module.

The temporary license will stay in effect 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 be revoked. It is important for those holding provisional licenses to update their on-line NSCMIRTP file with exam results, and also email the Regulator at info@nscmirtp.ca once exam results are known.

Regulated Health Professions Act

Health profession regulators in Phase 1 have completed or nearly completed the transition to the RHPA. Some have maintained their singular profession composition, while others have amalgamated. It is a time and administratively intense process, which continues even after transition, to address detailed changes in all aspects of the organization to align with the legislation.



NSCMIRTP is in Phase 2 and has been working with DHW since the Fall of 2024 and continues to develop the Profession Specific Regulations at this time. As with most changes of this magnitude, the process has been delayed with the new timeline to transition likely to be in January 2026. An advantage as a Phase 2 regulator is benefitting from the learnings of the DHW team and of those regulators who have already transitioned.

Please visit our website for more information and resources www.nscmirtp.ca

CAMRT Leadership Development Institute Opportunity



Each year NSCMIRTP sends one current volunteer to CAMRT's Leadership Development Institute being held in Ottawa from October 31st to November 2nd, 2025.

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 Regulator, 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 September 12th, 2025 to info@nscmirtp.ca. The application form is available [here](#).

To apply through the NSCMIRTP you must be a current volunteer with the Regulator 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



To improve flow within the department and to ensure everyone is working at full scope, a quality improvement idea was developed that would involve the MRI technologist administering buscopan by IM injection for abdominal studies. Is it acceptable for MRI technologists to take on the administering of this pharmaceutical in this manner?

The answer is C—it depends....on the approach taken to enhancing a technologist's individual scope of practice.

The general method is to develop a learning module. The module must include a theory component (for example this may include the purpose of administering buscopan and possible side effects), a step-by-step guide to performing the procedure, and a practice component to ensure competency. There should be a sign-off process for each technologist whereby whomever is performing the procedure now confirms competency of the learner. Interprofessional practice (IPPL) can be a valuable resource in the development of learning modules.