

# NEWS LETTER

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## Practice ?

The MIRT brings a patient into an interview area to review the pending procedure. They get called away for 5 minutes to address another issue, leaving the patient alone in the interview room. Upon returning they observe the patient has been looking at patient files left on the desk.

How should the MIRT address the situation?

- A) Continue with the procedure and not acknowledge what they observed.
- B) Ask the patient not to divulge what they had read.
- C) Report the breach to the manager and file an incident report.
- D) Have the patient who viewed the records sign a non-disclosure form.

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# Professional Liability Insurance (PLI)

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As per section 12(2)(b) of the NSCMIRTP regulations a condition of licensing is that

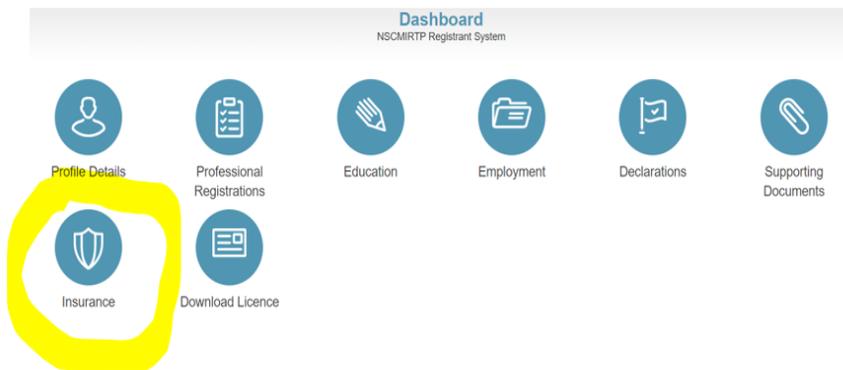
- (b) they (registrants) have professional liability insurance or another form of malpractice coverage or liability protection in the form and amount set by the Board;



If the above is not met the registrar of the NSCMIRTP can suspend a license as per section 10(1) of the regulations.

On January 2nd, 2024 we reached out to 37 registrants who were not compliant, by January 15th all 37 registrants were compliant and therefore no licences were suspended. All of those 37 registrants had purchased PLI but had not entered it correctly on the registrant portal. It is important registrants update their insurance in their NSCMIRTP profiles as this is how the College tracks compliance.

All registrants receive a reminder email 30 days before their insurance expires. This gives registrants 30 days to update PLI info on the registration platform under the **Insurance tab**.



### Enter the

- new policy number
- expiration date
- upload a copy of the certificate.

The system will then recognise that PLI is current and automated reminder emails will no longer be sent.

Please note that NSCMIRTP has no direct links with CAMRT or Sonography Canada, so if you purchase your PLI with them you still need to provide proof to NSCMIRTP.

For more information on PLI please visit our [website](#).

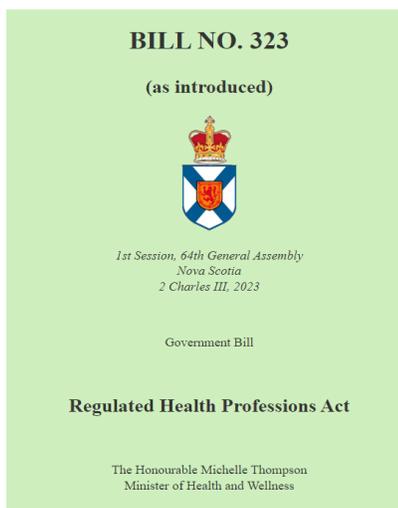
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# New Regulated Health Professions Act



In the fall of 2023 the Nova Scotia Government passed the Regulated Health Professions Act, which will provide a common and consistent regulatory framework that will apply for all health regulators in the province. Effective immediately, all regulators will be subject to new Ministerial authority that enables government intervention if regulators are not regulating in the public interest.



The legislation is structured to enable the development of profession-specific regulations before an existing regulator is brought under the full framework of the Act. There will be three phases to migrating current health regulators under the new Act. The NSCMIRTP is in phase two, so is expected to come under the new legislation in 2025.

The NSCMIRTP will be required to make numerous changes to comply with the new Act. Many of these will be related to governance and reporting standards and may be invisible to our registrants but will take significant resources of the College over the next year to complete. In the spring of 2024 the Board and staff of the College will begin focusing on this work and it is expected to be a strategic focus for 2024 and 2025.

NSCMIRTP will continue to monitor the situation and communicate any significant development to registrants and other stakeholders.

## Lapsed Licences



The renewal window for 2024 closed on December 31st 2023.

As of January 1st 2024 the NSCMIRTP had **703** active registrants. A total of 50 registrants resigned in 2023. The following 13 registrants did not renew or resign prior to year end and effective January 1st 2024 their license to practice in Nova Scotia has lapsed.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Brianna Baisley</i>         | <i>Dena Budd</i>       | <i>Peter Craik</i>    | <i>Deborah Foster</i>           |
| <i>Philip Freeman</i>          | <i>Taylor Hardiman</i> | <i>Sang-Hyun Jeon</i> | <i>Alexzanderia Mitchelmore</i> |
| <i>Josee Morell</i>            | <i>Jeremy Myshrall</i> | <i>Holly Poirier</i>  | <i>Lauren Richardson</i>        |
| <i>Jitendrakumar Sundhesha</i> |                        |                       |                                 |

## AGM & Plenary Session

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SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday June 8th 2024, 9.30am – noon**



NSCMIRTP 4th Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on **Saturday June 8th 2024 at 11am.**

Prior to the AGM from 9.30am -10.30am there will be a plenary talk. Details on the plenary speaker and how to register for this event will be sent out via email and posted on our website closer to the date.

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. A recording of the plenary event will only be done if copyright laws and speaker allow.

CPD credits can be claimed for both the plenary session and the AGM, CPD certificates will be sent out to those in attendance automatically. 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 questions related to CPD certificates.

## 2024 Board Elections

The Board is the governing body of the NSCMIRTP. They are responsible for regulating medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in Nova Scotia in the public interest. It is composed of three public members and six MIRTTPs. A call for nominations was sent out in November 2023 for the 2024 Board. Two individuals put their name forth for two vacant positions so they were acclaimed.



We want to welcome **Carly Burry** and **Edmond Kodua** to the board.

We say goodbye to Nancy Duggan after serving 3 years and Chrissy Gamache who served 3 years with the NSCMIRTP but countless years before that with the NSAMRT Board. Ann Mann has also completed her 3 year term as a public member. This seats remains vacant until Nova Scotia's Agency Board and Commissions appoints a new public member.

Executive positions on the board will be determined at the next board meeting.

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## 2024 Board Meetings

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For those interested in attending a board meeting as a guest a link is provided on our website as well as highlights of past board meeting.

<https://nscmirtp.ca/about-us/board-meetings-and-meeting-highlights>.



## 2025 NSCMIRTP Dues via Payroll Deduction



The NSCMIRTP forwarded the updated payroll deduction list for 2025 dues to NSH and IWK Payroll Departments mid December 2023. If you had not submitted your renewal prior to that time and you wish to be part of payroll deduction you must contact the payroll department directly to have your name added.

Deductions will commence January 2024 to August 2024.

A total of \$450 will be deducted to cover NSCMIRTP 2025 fees. Please check your January payslip to confirm deduction of your NSCMIRTP dues.

It is important to note that if you retire but stay on casually, or you take any form of leave during the year NSH and IWK may rebate dues collected to date on your last regular pay and therefore at renewal time you will have to pay the College directly, please check your pay carefully.

Please be aware that being on payroll deduction for NSCMIRTP fees does not automatically put you on payroll deduction for CAMRT or Sonography Canada fees. You must reach out to these organizations directly and check your payslip for confirmation.

If you requested payroll deduction and it has not been taken or if deductions are being taken and you are not on payroll deduction please contact your payroll department.



## Tax Receipts

The NSCMIRTP does not send out tax receipts. Registrants can access receipts for their fees at any time by logging into the registration platform and scrolling down to "My Applications", then select the receipt you would like to print.



Answer:

**Option C): is the correct answer**

Rationale:

- C) is correct as it initiates the mechanism that tracks, contains, and addresses the breach including notifying the individuals whose information has been disclosed and making the mandatory report to the required authorities.
- A) is wrong as it does not address the privacy breach that has occurred, nor does it attempt to contain the breach to the one person who viewed the records.
- B) is not correct because it is important to ensure the patient does not further breach privacy and it does not address systematic processes that allowed the breach to occur.
- D) is incorrect. It contains the breach but ignores the obligation of the technologists to be accountable, as well as the requirement to inform the individuals whose information has been breached and to report the incident to the appropriate authorities.



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