

# NEWS LETTER

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## Practice ?

The MIRTP brings a patient into an interview area to review the pending procedure. During the lengthy interaction and subsequent procedure, the patient expresses a romantic interest in the MIRTP.

How should the MIRTP address the situation?

- A) There is no boundary crossing unless you respond to the patient.
- B) You should transfer the patient to another colleague.
- C) Politely explain that you can only have a professional relationship with the patient.
- D) Tell the patient that the conversation has to wait until you complete the procedure.

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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;**



Furthermore, NSCMIRTP Policy states that










**The policy insurance must contain limits of a minimum of \$2,000,000 per claim/ \$5,000,000 aggregate.**

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

NSCMIRTP looks for proof of PLI at the time of renewal and initial application to the college. Proof can be a screenshot of the purchase, or a certification card or receipt, as long as it includes your name and term of coverage.

PLI info is entered on the registration platform under the **Insurance tab** on the left side menu.

### PROFILE MANAGEMENT

-  Registrant Details
-  Education
-  Employment
-  Declarations
-  Documents
-  Professional Registrations
-  **Insurance** 
-  NSCMIRTP License Card

Enter the

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

If the document is uploaded to supporting documents rather than under the Insurance section, or if no document is present, the system will generate reminder emails for the registrant.

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](#).

## Address Update

As a reminder we have made some recent changes to our phone number and office location. We are now located at 1597 Bedford Hwy, Suite 202, second floor inside the RBC building. The phone number is 902-601-1819. Voicemails are returned in 2-3 business days.

## Regulated Health Professions Act Update

The RHPA came into force in November 2023 to provide a common and consistent regulatory framework for regulated health professions in NS. The effort to meet the legislative change requirements has created significant workload, impacting human resource demands and legal cost increases for health regulators. As all regulators cannot be transitioned simultaneously, they are allocated into three phases with NSCMIRTP in phase two. Our Profession Specific Regulations were submitted in December 2024, and we await feedback from DHW. Work on the new By-laws is expected to begin in March 2025 with the anticipated timeline to come under the new legislation in early fall 2025.

### Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists

The Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists (NSCMLT) continues to work toward regulation of CLXTs. The NSCMLT works closely with NSCMIRTP in areas that concern the x-ray component of the CLXT practice. A competency profile has been drafted with the relevant section shared for initial feedback, which has been provided. A survey will be conducted for feedback on the draft document to all stakeholders, including the NSCMIRTP Credentials Committee and practicing radiological technologists. Please be on the lookout for an email inviting registrants to participate in this process, most likely in March 2025.

### Registrations at a Glance

As of January 2nd 2025 the NSCMIRTP had **777** active registrants and **832** active licenses. **This is a 5.8% increase in registrants and an 5.7 % increase in licenses over last year.**

A total of 13 registrants retired in 2024, and 32 registrants let their license expire. 65 registrants surrendered their licenses in 2024 for various other reasons.

NSCMIRTP licensed 17 internationally educated MRTs in 2024. There are currently 54 international applicants in various stages of licensure application in Nova Scotia.

	Registrants	Licenses	Dual Licenses	RTR Primary	NM Primary	RTT Primary	MRI Primary	DMS Primary
2024	734	787	53	389 (20)	65 (7)	83 (0)	52 (22)	145 (4)
2025	777	832	55	414 (20)	63 (9)	81 (0)	61 (20)	158 (6)

The number in brackets represent the number of secondary licenses in that category.

## AGM & Plenary Session

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SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday June 7th 2025, 9.30am – noon**

NSCMIRTP 4th Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on **Saturday June 7th 2025 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 [info@nscmirtp.ca](mailto:info@nscmirtp.ca) with questions related to CPD certificates.



## 2025 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 2024 for the 2025 Board. Two new applications were received and two existing members reoffered for a second term. The Nominations Committee vetted all candidates and we are pleased to announce that **Lisa Bonin** and **Jason Sheppard** have had their terms renewed.



We say goodbye to **Carly Burry** after serving 1 year of her 3 year term. We will be seeking to fill this seat with a registrant who meets the Board candidacy requirements. Our third public member seat has been filled after a one year vacancy. We welcome the newly appointed **John-David Brown**.

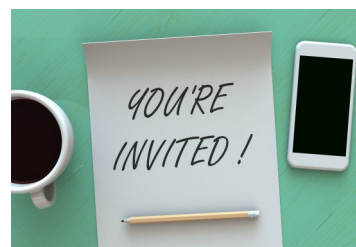
There are many opportunities for registrants to participate in volunteer positions on our varied committees. It is a great way to gain experience and knowledge of how a regulator functions and helps prepare individuals who may be interested in future Board openings.

## 2025 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 2026 dues to NSH and IWK Payroll Departments in December 2024. 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 commenced January 2025 and will complete approximately August 2025. A total of \$450 will be deducted to cover NSCMIRTP 2026 fees. **Please check your January pay advice to confirm deduction of your NSCMIRTP dues. If you signed up for payroll deduction and it is not on your pay advice, please reach out to your employer's payroll department.**

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.

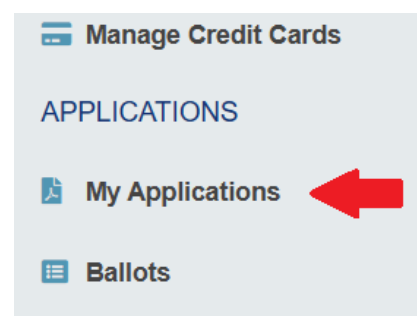
Please be aware that being on payroll deduction for NSCMIRTP fees does not automatically put you on payroll deduction for CAMRT or Sonography Canada fees. You must reach out to these organizations directly and check your pay advice for confirmation.

**Being on payroll deduction does not automatically renew your NSCMIRTP license. You must renew through the platform in the fall of each year.**

## 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” on the left hand menu, then select the receipt you would like to print.





Answer:

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

Rationale:

- C) It is your responsibility to maintain the boundaries. You may have to take additional action, depending on the response to your attempt to reestablish the boundaries (e.g. transfer the patient’s care), but that is the first step.
- A) While perhaps technically true, as a licensed health professional you have a responsibility for the patient’s actions. You need to take some action to ensure both parties are aware of the boundaries of the MIRTP/patient relationship.
- B) This may ultimately be necessary in some cases but is not necessary in every case.
- D) This leaves hope that there may be a romantic relationship in the future. Such a response does not deal with the harm that is occurring now to your professional relationship and is inappropriate.

Practice question courtesy of The College of Dietitians of Ontario <https://collegeofdietitians.org/>

Did you know NSCMIRTP has updated the Standards of Practice document to incorporate new language concerning sexual misconduct and sexual abuse? The Standards are on the [website](#).



Please visit our website for more information and resources [www.nscmirtp.ca](http://www.nscmirtp.ca)