

NEWS LETTER

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Practice



A relative of a radiation therapy patient has attended several appointments with the patient. The relative makes repeated inappropriate, unsolicited comments to the therapist at every appointment.

What would be the first actions the MRT would take in this situation?

Response Options:

- Explain to the relative why this behaviour is not appropriate.
- Ask a colleague to take over the patient's case.
- Ignore the behaviour to maintain professionalism.
- Inform the patient that the relative should not attend future appointments.

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CAMRT-Atlantic Vote

Voting took place June 14th to June 27th 2021. All eligible CAMRT members (non-student) received an email on Monday, June 14th with confidential login information for voting. 34.2% of eligible voters cast a ballot, well exceeding the minimum number of votes required for a valid vote. The results support the formation of a CAMRT-Atlantic model.

Provincially, the YES votes break down as follows:

Province	Voter Turnout	Percentage in FAVOUR
Newfoundland & Labrador	29%	92.6%
New Brunswick	31.7%	87.2%
Nova Scotia	33.6%	70.4%
Prince Edward Island	69.4%	90.7%

Updates will be sent out by [CAMRT](#). Any questions that NSCMIRTP registrants have related to the CAMRT Atlantic should be addressed to CAMRT.

Renewals

Renewal season will soon be here. Renewals will open **October 1st 2021**.

Registrants will receive email notification via the registration platform once renewals are open, please ensure your email is up to date. Reminders will be automatically sent on a regular basis until renewal is submitted. Registrants who have not renewed prior to **December 1st 2021** will be required to pay a late fee of \$50 and registrants that do not renew or do not resign prior to **December 31st 2021** will need to complete the reinstatement process to relicense and will be subject to an additional \$100 lapsed registrant fee.



If you have already paid your dues via payroll deduction, you still need to follow the renewal process and mark "Payroll deduction" as method of payment.

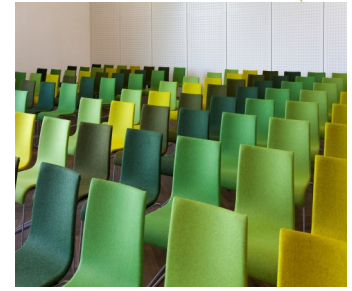
If you are paying by Credit Card, please ensure your card details are up to date.

You will need to ensure you have entered a valid PLI Certificate number and provided proof.

Earlier in the year we reached out to registrants who we did not hold a government issued photo ID as proof of name. Please note this information is required in order for your renewal to be approved. This is to ensure that we hold accurate legal names on the register, you do have the option to enter preferred name used in practice if different from your legal name.

Town Hall

An email will be sent to all registrants week commencing **September 13th, 2021**, with details related to future offering of town hall and fall education.



Board Elections



Elections for 2 new board members will be opening shortly.

On February 2022, **Diana Sheppard**, and **Jennifer Kressebuch** will have completed their terms on the NSCMIRTP Board.

NSCMIRTP will therefore be inviting registrants to nominate or put their own names forward for a 3 year term on the board. It is expected that the formal call will go out in October.

Volunteer Thank you

As a special thanks to **Miranda Thomson**, **Bev Barrios** and **Paul Menhennett** who all served on NSAMRT and NSCMIRTP Interim Board to January 2021, they have been awarded with personalized mantle clocks as a commemorative thank you gift.



We would also like to thank **Stephanie Paulmert** who served on the Credentials Committee from 2019 to 2021 and all the members of the Communications Committee which dissolved in 2021, **Amy Munroe**, **Chrissy Gamache**, **Keltie O'Brien**, **Krista MacInnis**, **Megan Farrell**, **Nicole Mroz**, **Phoebe Mandry** and **Satesh Sabar**, all of who were sent a Certificate of Appreciation.

To all our Site Champions who help keep the lines of communication open between registrants and NSCMIRTP, **Amanda Boyd**, **Amanda Fraser**, **Anna Pauer**, **Brenda Lumsden**, **Briana Lynch**, **Corina Doary**, **Daniel MacLennan**, **Elaine Dowling-Taneja**, **Erica Ridell**, **Jennifer Kressebuch**, **Jennifer Williams**, **Jessica Matthews**, **Kelly Maloney**, **Kenneth Chung**, **Kenny Zhan**, **Keri LeBlanc**, **Lisa Doucette**, **Maria Collet**, **Matthew Burke**, **Murielle Dietrich-Gravelle**, **Nancy Sheaves**, **Paul Menhennett**, **Ryan Sichky**, **Sarah Boyd**, **Sgt David Decaire**, **Sherry Chauder**, **Tammy Mackinnon**, **Tanya Frelick**, **Tara Roberts**, **Taylor Tobin**, **Tracy Sannes**, and **Vanessa Courtemanche**.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are various volunteer opportunities with NSCMIRTP, either as a committee member or short term project based. These opportunities can be found on our [website](#). Current opportunities include:



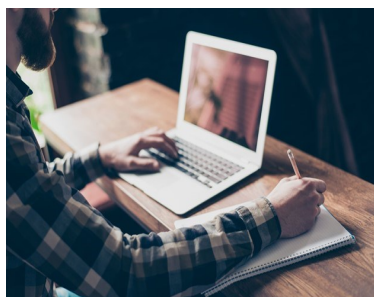
Policy development and review - As a member of the policy and procedures committee you would help develop and review policies of the NSCMIRTP. Meetings are typically held virtually 4 times each year.

Jurisprudence - This is a project based opportunity to work on the jurisprudence module. We are looking for one individual from each of the five disciplines to review the draft module and provide edits and feedback. Short term commitment expected to be complete by December 31st 2021.

Website - Project based opportunity for an individual who enjoys managing websites. This volunteer would be asked to add pages etc. to website as required. They would not have to do basic content update rather it would be framework update that we would be asking of this individual.

The Credentials Committee is looking for a Sonographer for a 2 year term. The committee meets a minimum of 4 times per year, the responsibilities include, considering applications for registration and licensure, developing processes for assessing eligibility of applicants, overseeing continuing professional development monitoring and practice requirements. For more information please contact Rebecca Jessome Chair of the Credentials Committee rebeccajessome@nscmirtp.ca. Any experience with MIRTTP credentialing, policy writing, continuing professional development, or jurisprudence would be an asset.

Any volunteering for NSCMIRTP counts towards CPD, for further information please contact joannejones@nscmirtp.ca



Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The CPD platform has now been live for 12 months, and we are now half way through the first 2 year cycle.

Just as a reminder for the first cycle you can input activities from **June 1st 2020** to **October 31st 2022**.

You can upload activities as and when they occur, but remember **do not** submit until you have entered all activities for the cycle. We suggest you wait until August of 2022 before submitting your completed CPD portfolio. Once submitted you can no longer see or edit activities.

For further information please visit our [website](#) directions on how to enter CPD please visit our [You Tube Channel](#)

Strategic Plan

On June 26th 2021 the NSCMIRTP Board and Executive Director gathered together for the first in person meeting since March 2020, to set the direction of the college for the next 3 years.

The session was facilitated by Carla Anglehart, Leadership and Governance Specialist, with the purpose to review and affirm the mission, vision and values of the College, consider the input from a recent stakeholder consultation and the current planning context, and to establish priorities for future focus and action. It is expected to have a new strategic plan approved with action items by Dec 31st 2021. Once complete it will be shared with registrants and stakeholders.



AGM & Plenary



NSCMIRTP **1st** AGM was held on Saturday **June 5th 2021** as a virtual event, 94 registrants were in attendance. The Plenary session was a presentation on **“The Impact of Change Fatigue on Health Care Workers and Their Patients.”** delivered by Dr McMillan who is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, University of Ottawa and an academic mentor in the Palliative Care and Nursing Ethics Hub (PCNE). If you were unable to attend the live event you can watch it [here](#)

Those who attended received certificates confirming CPD Credits earned. If you have not received your certificate please contact joannejones@nscmirtp.ca.

If you have watched the recorded event you can still claim unverified CPD credits.

Registration Profile Details

NSCMIRTP’s relies on the information entered on their “Profile Details” on the registration platform to contact registrants. Please ensure that you have included a personal email as your primary or secondary email. The telephone number in this section must also be a personal number, not a work number. By having non-employer contact information it ensures the College can reach out and contact registrants if required even when they have switched employers or are on any form of leave. We will only ever contact you regarding NSCMIRTP business. You can update your details [here](#).



COVID-19 - Vaccinations

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The NSCMIRTP is the regulatory body for MIRTTPs in Nova Scotia. Our mandate is to protect the public by promoting the provision of safe, competent, ethical and compassionate services by our registrants. COVID-19 vaccine immunizations have a significant and positive impact on the health of our population. Widespread vaccination shortens the duration of disease outbreaks, maintains public safety, reduces the burden on the health care system and keeps health care providers safe to care for clients in need. The NSCMIRTP recommends that MIRTTPs be vaccinated against COVID-19 and encourages MIRTTPs to use current science-based sources and their knowledge, ethical frameworks as the foundation for their decision. NSCMIRTP also recommends that any decision to require MIRTTPs to be vaccinated should be made by MIRTTPs and employers in consideration of the practice context. Further COVID-19 information can be found on our [website](#)



Practice



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Answer: Option a) is the correct answer.

Rationale:

- Option a) is correct.** The MRT has identified a potential boundary crossing situation, in that the relative is making unsolicited comments – which could lead to a more serious behaviour or issue. The MRT would re-establish the professional relationship by respectfully ensuring the relative understands why their behaviour is not appropriate.
- Option b) is not correct. The MRT is responsible for managing the situation herself. Avoidance is not a solution.
- Option c) is not correct. In this response the MRT would again be avoiding the situation and not taking action to re-establish professional behaviours.
- Option d) Suggesting the relative should not accompany the patient in future before addressing the concern, does not support client-centered principles. If however, the behaviour continued then the MRT would seek guidance or report their concerns to the appropriate personnel.