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PRACTICE QUESTION

Marcus, a MRT, brings a patient into an interview area to review the pending procedure. He gets called away for 5mins to address another issue, leaving the patient alone in the interview room. Upon returning, Marcus observes the patient has been looking at the patient files left on the desk.

How should Marcus address the situation?

Response Options:

1. Continue with the procedure and not acknowledge what he observed.
2. Ask the patient not to divulge what they have read.
3. Report the breach to manager and file an incident report.
4. Have the patient who viewed the records sign a non-disclosure form.

PAST PRESIDENT- CEREMONY

Megan Brydon served as President of NSAMRT from 2019 to 2020. While tradition would have seen Megan presented with the Past President Pendant at the fall townhall this was not possible this year. Co presidents Chrissy Gamache and Jennifer Kressebuch were able to present it at Megan's work site and allow her to be recognized by her colleagues for her contribution.

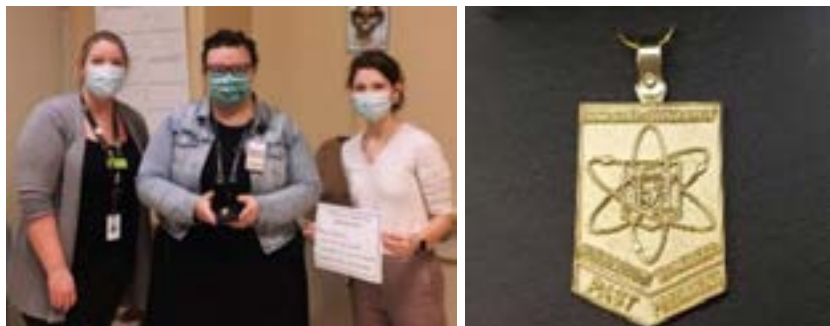


Figure 1R to L Chrissy, Megan and Jennifer

Megan, your vision, passion and dedication to this profession is unmatched and admirable.... I present you with this Past President pendant and say "Thank you for your service". Good luck in your future volunteer endeavors. I know the world will continue to benefit from your Magic.

-Chrissy Gamache, Co-President NSCMIRTP

ELECTION RESULTS

The NSCMIRTP Board held its first board elections in December 2020. Registrants were given access to a unique secure link to vote electronically. The NSCMIRTP would like to welcome its recently elected MIRTPs and appointed public members to the inaugural board of the College.

PUBLIC MEMBERS TERM: OCT 2020-2023

- Ann Mann RN, MN
- Hammad Mohiy Ud Din
- Nick Burke BA, LL.B

MIRTP MEMBERS

Term: Feb 2021-2024

- Chrissy Gamache BHSc, MRT(R), CTIC
- Nancy Dugan DMS(V)(C)(GS)

Term: Feb 2021-2023

- Kenny Zhan MRT(T), BSc
- Rebecca Jessome BHSc, MRT(MR)(NM)

Term: Feb 2021-2022

- Jennifer Kressebuch BHSc, DMS(GS)
- Diana Sheppard MRT(R)

PAYROLL DEDUCTION-TAX RECEIPTS

PAYROLL DEDUCTION



The NSCMIRTP forwarded the updated payroll deduction list for your 2022 dues to NSHA and IWK Payroll Departments mid December 2020. If you had not renewed prior to that time then your name was not submitted. Deductions commenced in January 2021 and total NSCMIRTP fees for 2022 amount to \$450. Please check your January payslip to confirm deduction of your 2022 NSCMIRTP dues. It is important to know that if you retire but stay on casually, or you take parental leave or an extended leave due to illness your employer will rebate dues collected to date on your last regular pay and therefore come renewal time you will have to pay the College directly.

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 them directly.

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 to have it corrected.

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 dues refunds given due to resignation. If you receive a partial refund it is your responsibility to reflect this in your personal taxes.

COVID-19

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) presented a live webinar on Wednesday December 30th 2020 to inform health care providers on the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations on the use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

If you missed the live event you can view it here:

[Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#)



SELF ISOLATION

Under the Chief Medical Officer of Health's Order under the Public Health Act, we have been asked to remind all registrants of the limited exemptions under the Order to the requirement for self-isolation. In particular, that an exemption exists for "Essential Workers" to the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days after entering/re-entering the province. Please note there are different requirements for "Rotational Workers".

This exemption is set out in section 3 of the current Order and a description can be found here:

[Self Isolation requirements for Essential workers.](#)

RENEWAL UPDATE

2021 Renewal Registration is now complete, this is the second year that we used the new electronic renewal platform. However, things were slightly different this year as we now have Sonographers joining our renewals and we were no longer collecting CAMRT dues. Last year we introduced a \$50 late payment charge if a license was not renewed before 1st December, this proved affective and will remain until further notice. NSCMIRTP renewal fees for 2022 will remain at \$450, you will be required to obtain Professional Liability Insurance.



FALL EDUCATION LINKS

The plenary session and Town Hall were live streamed on Nov 7th 2020 and are now available for viewing through the provided links below.

Plenary Session- Mark Black: Live Life from the Heart™ (Thriving in Challenging Environments). Due to contractual agreement this video will only be available for a limited time via the email link sent to registrants in Nov 11th 2020 e-blast.

Board Update- [NSCMIRTP Town Hall](#)

Dr. Ian MacDonald: [Cerebral Enlightenment: Nuclear Medicine in Brain Imaging](#)

Dr. Chris Bowen: [The Role of QC and Protocolling for Better Clinical MRI](#)

Corina Doary: [Hernias: The Ins and Outs](#)

Ainsley Johnson: [Adrenal Rest Tumors in Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia](#)

Caitlin Gillan: [Square Peg Round Hole, Disruption of AI to Practice](#)

Will Creene: [Radiological Technology Experiences in the Humanitarian Sector](#)

For those watching these webinars after the fact you are still able to claim CDP value for them as up to 50% of you CDP can be from activities that are unverified.

CPD PORTFOLIO

The CPD portfolio is now open for the first reporting cycle which runs from June 1st, 2020 to October 31st, 2022. Following this it will run from November 1st to October 31st every two years.

We recommend that you not submit your portfolio until the end of the reporting cycle as no changes can be made once submitted. Registrants are required to complete 30 CPD credits every two years, for those individuals who are registrants for only a portion of the reporting cycle they will have the CPD requirements pro-rated as outline in the CPD program which is located on the [NSCMIRTP website](#).

WEBSITE & EMAILS

The NSCMIRTP has rolled out a new website. This website has been designed to better meet the needs of a self regulated college. It includes the ability for individuals to search the website to locate content more easily that they are seeking and follows a more intuitive layout to find information. The live registry is linked and has been updated to include name used in practice and licenses held. Additionally, the site was designed and assessed to ensure those with disabilities can access its content. There are several areas where content is still being developed for population. If you have any suggestion for information that you feel should be added to the website, please let us know. We have retained the NSARMT domain and emails, attempts to link to NSAMRT emails/website will send forward to the new College emails/website.



JURISPRUDENCE

One College initiative for 2021 is the development of a jurisprudence module. We expect this will be completed in early 2022. Jurisprudence is the application and interpretation of the principles of law or legal rules as they relate to the:

- practice of medical imaging and radiation therapy.
- obligations MIRTs have to their patients, and;
- relationships MIRTs have with other MIRTs and health care professionals.

Jurisprudence is important for three reasons. First of all is jurisprudence contributes to the delivery of safe care. Increasing the awareness and understanding of how the law impacts practice in Nova Scotia helps MIRTs practice within the boundaries of legislation. This can ultimately lead to greater patient safety. MIRTs who are prepared with knowledge of their regulatory environments and processes relevant to health care understand concepts of safe MIRT practice.

Secondly, similarities and differences in provincial scope of practice can cause confusion. In every province/territory, health is governed primarily by provincial legislation. Although there are similarities in provincial/territorial legislation governing the practice of MIRTs, there are also a number of differences including legislated scope of practice, the regulation of practice, and other provincial legislation affecting MIRT practice. Therefore, MIRTs need to be knowledgeable about regulatory policy, relevant federal and provincial legislation and integrate it appropriately into their practice.

Finally, inter-jurisdictional mobility for MIRTs. Given the interjurisdictional mobility of MIRTs and migration of Internationally Educated MIRTs to Canada and Nova Scotia the more important jurisprudence becomes.

AGM/ANNUAL REPORT

Each year NSAMRT held an AGM in late spring. This will continue to be the process for the NSCMIRTP. During the AGM the board will be ratified, financial documents and committee reports presented, and auditors appointed. It is an opportunity for registrants to speak and ask questions directly to the Board. Based on feedback from last year this event will be a virtual event to allow for registrants to easily participate. The exact date and time have not been set but it is expected to be in late May or early June. Notification and links to event will be sent once dates are confirmed.

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

PLI AUDIT

One change in registration requirements related to proclamation of NSCMIRTP has been the need for restraints to have professional liability insurance (PLI) above and beyond that of what is provided by the employer. The NSCMIRTP does not provide this as it would be a conflict of interest. This means registrants must purchase from another source. This can be from a private provider or from an association. It is important if you choose to purchase from a private provider that it meets the requirements as set out in NSCMIRTP policy. If you choose to purchase from an association the College has already reviewed the policies of CAMRT, Sonography Canada and OAMRS and have determined they meet the requirements of the NSCMIRTP. If you are dual licensed as a sonographer and a MRT the association policies will cover both practices, you do not require two separate policies.

As this is the first year we have required proof of PLI and it has been an area that many registrants are still not fully understanding the NSCMIRTP will be doing an audit of PLI coverage to ensure all registrants have adequate policies. For MRTs this is occurring in Jan 2021 and for DMSs it will occur May 2021. As registrants you do not have to do anything, and you will only be contacted by the College if a question around coverage arises.

PROTECTED TITLES

In recent months the NSCMIRTP has had several inquiries re credentials and protected titles. The credential such as RT(R) or CRGS, is earned when you successfully pass the national entry to practice exam. These credentials you are free to use even if you are not licensed as a MIRTTP. The protected title can only be used if you are licensed as a MIRTTP in the province. The protected title is MRT or DMS. For example, if you are a licensed sonographer in vascular you can use DMS or DMS(V) if you are a therapist you would use MRT or MRT(T). When working as a MRT or DMS you should be using your protected title when signing medical charts etc... rather than your credentials. If you are not licensed, you must ensure you do not use the protected title and do not indicate in any way that you are a practicing MRT or DMS.

DUAL LICENSED

There are approximately 70 registrants that are listed as dual licensed in our registry. In an effort to ensure accuracy of information Joanne Jones, NSCMIRTP administrative assistant has been reaching out to these individuals to determine specifically two things. That the primary license matches their primary area of practice and to ensure the secondary area of practice is still current. It is hoped to have this information fully reviewed and updated by the end of February. If you are a dual licensed MIRTP please check your email and respond to this enquiry.

PRACTICE QUESTION ANSWER

Answer:

Option c) is the correct answer.

Rationale:

- Option 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 require authorities.
- Option 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.
- Option b) is not correct because it is important to ensure the patient does not further breach privacy; and, it does not address systemic processes that allowed the breach to occur.
- Option d) is incorrect. It contains the breach but ignores the obligation of the technologist, 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.