

# NEWS LETTER

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## Practice ?

In this edition of the newsletter the question will focus on the NSCMIRTP code of ethics. To view the [Code of Ethics](#) please use the provided link.

A patient comes to the department for a booked exam. The patient has several questions about the exam and why it was ordered. The MIRTP explains the procedure and the request for the procedure to the best of their knowledge with the information at hand. The patient is not satisfied with the answer and refuses the exam as they wish to speak with their doctor again before giving consent. The MIRTP is polite and understanding and documents the refusal of consent. The behaviour of the MIRTP is an example of which ethical guiding principle?

- A. Beneficence
- B. Non-maleficence
- C. Justice
- D. Fidelity

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## AGM & Plenary Links



NSCMIRTP's **2nd Annual General Meeting** took place virtually on Saturday June 11th. If you missed the live event you can watch it [here](#)

The Plenary Session prior to the AGM, **“Staying Competent-Challenges and Opportunities”** presented by **Dr. Glover Takahashi** can be viewed [here](#).

Viewing these presentations count towards unverifiable CPD credits, 1 CPD for each presentation.

## Fall Education

Virtual event **Saturday October 15th 2022 - 9.30am**

Mike Yoder will be speaking on the opportunities and pitfalls of social media use by regulated health professionals. Mike is the lead digital marketing/social media specialist for Spectrum Health System. He is part of a small corporate team tasked with overseeing the system's 70+ channel social media presence. This includes advising and collaborating with Marketing and Communications on both paid and organic social media strategies for service lines and initiatives throughout the organization.



Social media can be an excellent tool, but it comes with pitfalls, we all should be aware of. As a regulated health care professional there are added considerations when interacting and posting to social media. This does not mean we can't use social media productively, we just need to be mindful of what we share and how we engage on social media. The session will go over some case studies and review best practices for using social media productively with a Q&A session at the end.

***CPD credits are awarded for attendance***

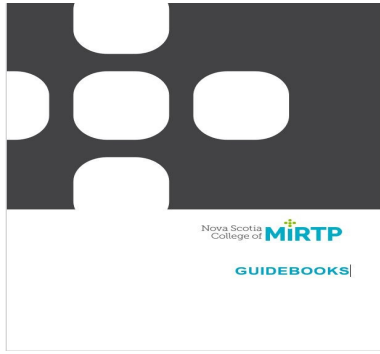
## Regulation Modernization



The provincial government is seeking to modernize health regulation in the province. As a stakeholder NSCMIRTP will take this opportunity to help shape the future of health care regulation in the province by participating in the discussion and feedback process. A working group has been established and the project is expected to take one year.

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





## Guidebooks

NSCMIRTP has developed guidebooks to help with renewals for current registrants and initial registration for new applicants.

## Renewal Guidebook

Renewal season will soon be here. Renewals will open **October 1st 2022**.

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 your renewal is submitted. Registrants who have not renewed prior to **December 1st 2022** will be required to pay a late fee of \$50 and registrants that do not renew or do not resign prior to **December 31st 2022** will need to complete the reinstatement process to reinstate 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. Please ensure that you have not already paid by payroll deduction before paying by credit card. Each year we have multiple registrants double pay and this costs the college \$16 in processing fees for each occurrence.

NSCMIRTP renewal guidebook will help to answer questions you may have. This can be accessed through the [Guidebook link](#).

## Registration

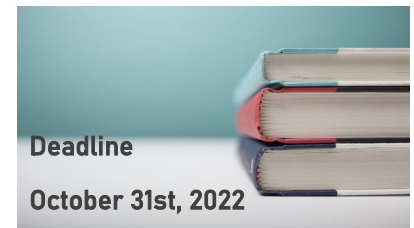
Gathering required information for licensing can sometimes be difficult. This is particularly true for internationally educated applicants and applicants moving from other jurisdictions. To help with the process NSCMIRTP has developed the following Guidebooks which you can be accessed below or via our [website](#)

- [Canadian Educated New Applicants \(Standard Application\)](#)
- [Canadian Educated Applicants Currently Registered in Another Regulated Jurisdiction](#)
- [Internationally Educated New Applicants](#)

## CPD and Audits

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The CPD Audit takes place at the end of each CPD cycle. This cycle will close Oct 31st 2022. Our first audit will be conducted in November 2022. This will allow those registrants being audited, that have identified deficiencies in their CPD, to complete required credits prior to Dec 31st 2022.



All registrants who have fewer than 30 credits, or required # of prorated credits, logged in the system will automatically be flagged for audit. In addition, a random sample of up to 10% of registrants will also be selected for audit.

The [CPD Program document](#) outlines the process for obtaining, recording, and submitting CPD portfolios for registrants. It also contains [process charts](#) to outline the audit process itself.

Renewals will not be approved until a CPD portfolio is submitted. For those selected for audit, status of renewals will be amended if audit identifies deficiencies in the CPD submission. This will be a first for registrants and the College so we expect challenges will arise during the audit process. The intent is to work with registrants to meet requirements. Blocking of renewal is not the intent and would be reserved for cases where a registrant refused to develop a plan to meet requirements.

## Refreshers / Jurisprudence

NSCMIRTP have been focusing on the development of Refresher Programs and a Jurisprudence Module

The refresher programs will be used in two ways

- To aid those who have been out of practice for 5 years regain ability to license
- To help fill the gaps of internationally educated applicants who wish to practice in Nova Scotia



There are 4 refresher programs:

- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiological Technology
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography

The Jurisprudence Module reviews the current legislation that exists that we must comply with as MIRTPs. In 2023 it is intended that all new applicants take the Jurisprudence program to ensure they are aware of their legal responsibility in practice. It will also be used to help international applicants understand Canadian practice. Current registrants will not be required to do the full module but it will be accessible for those that wish to complete it.

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

## Board Highlights

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The Board recently held a full day in person meeting. It was a busy day with facilitators discussing how to meaningfully incorporate equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility into College governance and how to better review and interpret financial statements to provide proper financial oversight. The board also approved two initiatives for 2023. The first is the development of a mini-jurisprudence test to be incorporated into renewals each year. Likely to begin with renewals for 2024. This will help registrants to remain current on legal obligations related to their practice but will not prevent anyone from renewing their license. The second is to role out an exam prep programs for internationally educated applicants to support them in successfully challenging the national entry to practice exam.



## CAMRT Event

### The Current - CAMRT-ATL-Conference

The Current is taking place in St. John's Newfoundland at the [Holiday Inn St. John's Conference Center](#) on **October 22, 2022**, and will also be available online for those who wish to participate virtually.



The deadline to [register](#) is **October 14th, 2022**

## Practice Advisory Answer

Answer and Rationale:

- A. Although being polite and courteous, beneficence is not the guiding principle at play in this scenario
- B. As the MIRTTP is not performing the exam, nonmaleficence could be a concern as it will delay patient care, however as the patient has refused the exam, it is not the guiding principle here
- C. **Justice is the guiding principle in this scenario, as the MIRTTP is honouring and respecting the patient's wishes, given all the information necessary to make an informed decision on consenting for the procedure. It may not be in the best interest of the patient, but it is the patient's decision to make**
- D. The MIRTTP's behaviour in this scenario would not alter the public's trust in the profession, therefore fidelity is not the correct answer



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