

NEWS LETTER

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Practice ?

In this edition of the practice question the focus will be on NSCMIRTP Code of Ethics.

What does beneficence mean in the context of working as an MIRTP?

- Volunteering your time at a local soup kitchen during your time off.
- Assisting patient's family with contact information for local accommodations for families of patients.
- Changing shifts with a colleague to help them make a personal appointment.
- All answers are correct.

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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. In January 2023 six registrants had their licenses temporarily suspended due to lack of PLI.

All registrants must carry PLI as a condition for licensing. This supports a judicially fair process for complainants and respondents. By having PLI, a registrant is protected professionally and financially from claims (real, alleged or false) made against them as a result of rendering professional services. The patient is protected should the claim be substantiated and damages awarded.

All registrants will receive a notification email 30 days before their insurance expires.

You then have the next 30 days to upload proof of PLI to the registration platform under the ***insurance tab***.

Please 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.

If you do not use this process to update your PLI we will endeavor to contact you to resolve the issue, if we do not receive a response then we will inform your employer that you are not insured to practice.

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

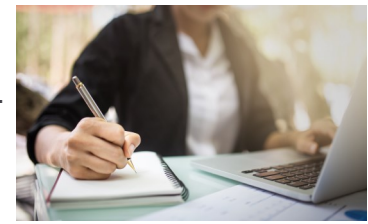
For more information on PLI please visit our [website](#).

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



Refresher Program and Jurisprudence

Over the past two years NSCMIRTP has been developing refresher programs in four disciplines and a jurisprudence module. These were approved at the January 2023 Board meeting.



Refresher programs in MRI, Nuclear Medicine, Sonography and Radiological Technology have been created to align with the new national competency profiles. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the registrants who contributed to this project over the past two years, creating and reviewing the content of these courses. It would not have been possible without your assistance. These programs are used to help those that have lost currency of practice who wish to regain the ability to license. By completing a refresher program they are able to demonstrate their skills and knowledge and meet current entry to practice standards.

The jurisprudence module will go live on March 1st 2023. At that time all new registrants and those reinstating that have not worked in Nova Scotia for more than 5 years will be required to complete it to gain licensure. This module will review the various legislative acts that impact MIRT practice in Nova Scotia. After finishing the required reading applicants are asked to complete 40 open book multiple choice questions.

Current registrants will be provided the opportunity to complete the jurisprudence as well. It will not be mandatory but those that do successfully complete it will receive 2 CPD credits. A link will be provided to all registrants to the module once it goes live.

Public Relations

ARRIVALS + DEPARTURES

NSCMIRTP have engaged a public relations company arrivalsdepartures.com (A&D) to build a communication strategy to increase public and registrant awareness of NSCMIRTP and its mandate.

The intent is for A&D to assist the College in development of social media messaging, communication plan, improve use of branding, hard copy for information brochures, and improve external messaging.

Lapsed Licences



The renewal window for 2023 closed on December 31st 2022.

As of January 1st 2023 the NSCMIRTP had **709** active registrants. A total of 72 registrants resigned in 2022 . Nine registrants did not renew or resign and effective January 1st 2023 are no longer licensed to practice in Nova Scotia.

Alexander Kielburger
Emma Becker
Pamela Geddes

Andrew Kearley
Erva Oldford
Sarah Elwan

Emily Swan
Joan Millican
Stephen Doucette-Molleur

AGM & Plenary Session

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NSCMIRTP 3rd Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on **Saturday June 10th 2023 at 11am.**

Prior to the AGM from 9.30 - 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 [YouTube 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, 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 with any questions related to these certificates.



2023 Board and Elections

The Board is the governing body of the NSCMIRTP 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 MIRTPs. Call for nominations was sent out in November 2022 for the 2023 Board. Two individuals put their name forth for two vacant positions so they were acclaimed.

We want to welcome **Rebecca Jessome** and **Kenny Zhan** back to the board now serving their 2nd term.



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

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Continuing Professional Development Audit

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NSCMIRTP's first CPD cycle ended on October 31st 2022, a total of 97 registrants were not compliant. These registrants had either not completed the required number of credits, or had completed the credits but had not submitted their portfolio for review.



College staff have been working extremely hard communicating with these 97 registrants to ensure compliance is met. Of these 25 registrants had submitted resignations or allowed their license to lapse and chose not to complete the audit. It has been communicated to these registrants that if in the future they wish to return to practice they must prove compliance with the CPD audit.

There were 16 registrants that requested an extension to complete the audit and have been working with NSCMIRTP to achieve this.

The College will be doing a full review of the audit process to better understand what worked well and implement improvements for next cycle. One area that will be targeted with registrant education is reflective practice, as this was identified in the audits as an area that many registrants are currently struggling with.

The next 2 year CPD cycle commenced 1 November 2022. If you have any question please see our [FAQ's](#) on our website or email info@nscmirtp.ca.

2024 NSCMIRTP Dues via Payroll Deduction



The NSCMIRTP forwarded the updated payroll deduction list for 2024 dues to NSH and IWK Payroll Departments mid December 2022. 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 2023 to August 2023. A total of \$450 will be deducted to cover NSCMIRTP 2024 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.

Email - Communications



As previously communicated in our Winter 2022 newsletter, NSCMIRTP relies on accurate contact information in order to effectively communicate College information to all its registrants. As a registrant of NSCMIRTP you have an obligation to provide an email address which is personal and unique to you and one you check regularly.



We still have multiple registrants that become uncontactable each year as they only provide work contact information and switch jobs or take leave. When a communication email is sent out we can see if it has been successfully delivered and if it has been opened. We endeavour to contact registrants who did not receive the email but this can prove difficult if we do not have any further contact information.

It is important that you frequently check both your inbox and junk or spam folders.

Some tips that you can use to ensure you receive emails from NSCMIRTP include:

- adding our info@nscmirtp.ca email address to your safe sender list
- checking your spam/junk mail folders regularly
- moving improperly flagged NSCMIRTP emails in your junk mail to your inbox and identifying it as a safe sender

Individuals that do not receive communications because they have incorrect contact information or do not have the College set as a safe sender are still responsible for the content of the communications.

Don't miss important information from NSCMIRTP.

Practice



Reference: NSCMIRTP Code of Ethics

The correct answer is "B"

Rationale: Beneficence, otherwise known as well-being considerations, refers to the moral obligation to directly or indirectly serve and benefit patients or clients by choosing to act in their best interest. Option "A" supports public wellbeing, but is not related to your scope as an MRT. **Option "B"** ultimately serves to protect and assist the patient. Option "C" is collegial and supports your colleague, but does not focus on the needs of the public.

Please visit our website for more information and resources www.nscmirtp.ca