

NON-CLINICAL REGISTRANTS RETURNING TO PRACTICE POLICY

Nova Scotia
Regulator of **MIRT**

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APPROVAL: 

BACKGROUND

NSRMIRT (the Regulator) recognizes MIRTTP practice involves the clinical and technical aspects of the profession and includes functions of education, management, imaging research, supervision, and administration. This means that MIRT registrants employed in these areas are viewed as practicing the profession and should be registered with the Regulator. The Regulator treats the hours of practice the same regardless of whether they are accrued for clinical or non-clinical work. When MIRT registrants working in these non-clinical roles wish to return to clinical practice they are expected to follow professional practice standards to ensure current clinical competency.

POLICY

NSRMIRT stipulates that registrants must meet currency hours requirements as laid out in policy CR-013-02. Policy provides that practice involves the clinical and technical aspects of the profession and the Regulator treats the hours of practice the same regardless of whether they are accrued for clinical or non-clinical work.

NSRMIRT regulations provide that registrants are required to restrict themselves to performing only those activities that they are competent to perform and that are appropriate to their area of practice. Further, a registrant must practice in accordance with the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics of the NSRMIRT. This means that registrants are responsible for ensuring that they are practicing safely, competently, and ethically whether their practice is clinical or non-clinical. If a registrant wishes to expand their personal scope or regain areas of previous clinical practice that they are not currently practicing it is up to the individual and the employer to decide if a clinical review is required and how progress will be assessed. If the current clinical competency of a registrant is ever questioned, it is the responsibility of the MIRTTP to prove they have complied with their legislative requirements demonstrating they have the current knowledge, skills and judgment to be practicing in the clinical area of concern.

For individuals that have not met the minimum practice hours qualifications, a formalized refresher program approved by the Regulator is required prior to being eligible for registration as a MIRTTP.



RATIONALE

This policy provides practice guidelines for currently licensed medical imaging technologists and radiation therapy health care professionals who have been absent from practicing in the clinical setting or wish to expand their clinical area of practice. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that practicing health care providers are competent in their area of practice in order to protect the public and uphold the standards of the profession (1).

PROCEDURE

Where a registrant identifies the need for clinical review, it is up to the employer and MIRTTP to decide on requirements. The Regulator can assist a registrant and employer by providing current expectations of clinical performance to help inform a re-entry to clinical practice. Where a clinical refresher is deemed necessary, it is the expectation of the Regulator that the registrant is not practicing clinically without adequate supervision.

NSRMIRT reviews members' files annually to ensure clinical hour requirements are being met.