



Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists

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CAMRT Welcomes CIHI report on Medical Radiation Technologists and Their Work Environment

OTTAWA, June 4 - The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) welcomed the release of a report on [Medical Radiation Technologists and their Work Environment](#), published yesterday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). This is the first such report and is the result of a project that has involved CIHI and the various national and provincial professional bodies of medical radiation technologists (MRTs). It provides valuable insights into the state of this profession.

However, CAMRT expressed disappointment that part 2 of the report, entitled *The Hospital Work Environment for Medical Radiation Technologists*, is entirely focused on diagnostic imaging, and excludes the work environment of radiation therapists, who comprise one of the four disciplines in the medical radiation technology profession.

In fact, says Chuck Shields, CEO of CAMRT, radiation therapists comprise over 10% of the profession. "Including information about a profession's work environment is a useful addition to such reports. We at CAMRT, and I am sure our provincial colleagues would concur, look forward to working with CIHI to ensure that future reports can include information about the workplaces of all those in the profession", says Shields. He added that while only the first report about the profession, this publication is very much welcomed by CAMRT for the comprehensive data it contains on the role MRTs play as integral members of the health care team. He noted that the information in the report will have value for those involved in human resource planning for the MRT profession. It will assist MRTs themselves, administrators of education programs for the profession, and decision-makers at the provincial and institutional level in ensuring there are sufficient MRTs to provide the essential diagnostic and therapy services that Canadians require.

About CAMRT: Founded in 1942, the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) is a federation of ten provincial associations who share a common membership of over 11,000. CAMRT is the national certifying body for radiological technologists, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists and magnetic resonance technologists and, as such, provides the national entry to practice certification examinations. The CAMRT is also the national professional association that represents and promotes the MRT profession and is an active participant in the Canadian health system. It offers quality professional development programs, advocates on behalf of the MRT profession, publishes the Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, conducts an annual conference and develops and promotes statements of professional best practice.

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