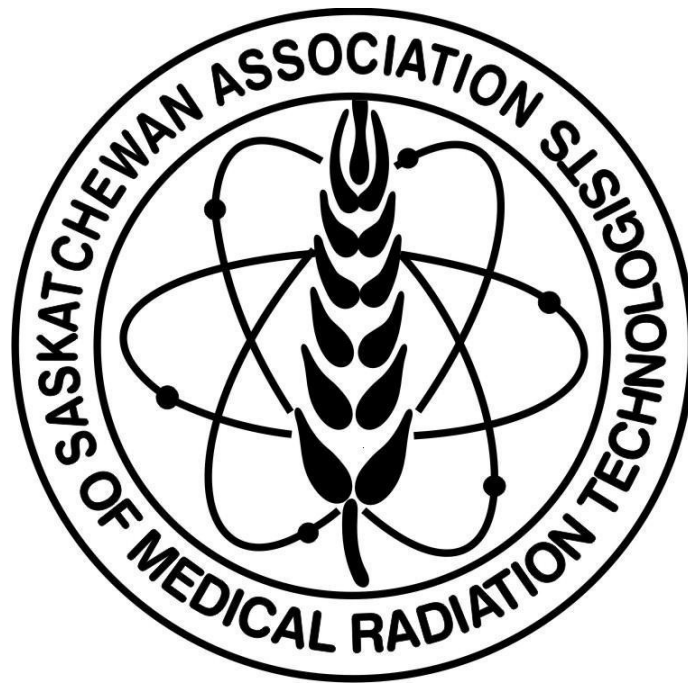


Code of Ethics



Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists
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Code of Ethics for Members of the Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists

Schedule A to *The Medical Radiation Technologists Regulatory Bylaws* is repealed and the following substituted:

“Schedule A
Code of Professional Conduct”
(*Section 23*)

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The primary responsibility of all diagnostic and therapeutic professionals in Saskatchewan is to serve and protect the public and those patients who enter the realm of health care services. Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs) also have a responsibility to work collaboratively with their fellow colleagues and other healthcare professionals to advance the field of medical radiation technology services as it continues to make a significant contribution to the wider healthcare community.
- 1.2 The Code of Ethics is intended to provide direction and guidance for the professional conduct of all individual members within the profession and in whatever capacity their professional role might entail. Compliance with the code will ensure that members' behavior will allow them to fulfill the duties and objects of the Association as outlined in the *Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006 and Bylaws*.
- 1.3 Each member must take personal responsibility to ensure their behaviour is aligned with the ethical principles set down in this Code of Ethics. It is also intended to provide guidance for SAMRT Committees, especially those committees involved with making judgmental decisions related to professional misconduct or disciplinary action. The consideration of ethical issues is an integral component in the provision of health services and will help to ensure that professional performance will have safe, effective and optimal outcomes for patients.

2.0 Core Values

The ethical principles within this document will reflect the following value statements which have been identified as being essential to the practice of our profession:

- 2.1 That the right of individuals to make an informed choice is respected.
- 2.2 That our actions will do no harm.
- 2.3 That our actions will result in beneficial outcomes for patients.
- 2.4 We believe in a fair and just system of treatment in the provision of services.
- 2.5 We believe in truthfulness, transparency and accountability.
- 2.6 We honor our commitments and maintain loyalty to our profession.

3.1 Ethical Principles

3.2 Responsibility to the Public

MRTs must act to serve and protect the public and maintain their trust and respect by:

- 3.2.1 Complying with high standards of professional conduct, competence and appearance.
- 3.2.2 Providing only those services for which they are qualified by education, training or experience to perform;
- 3.1.2 Not making false, misleading or deceptive statements, orally or in writing; and
- 3.1.3 Advancing and supporting health promotion and research.

3.2 Responsibility to Patients

MRTs must act in the best interests of their patients by:

- 3.2.1 Upholding the principle of informed consent including the right of the patient to refuse service;
- 3.2.2 Respecting the dignity, rights to privacy and autonomy of their patients;
- 3.2.3 Treating all patients equitably, regardless of national or ethnic origin, colour, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, family status, socio-economic status, mental or physical ability or type of illness with respect to their individual needs and overall welfare;
- 3.2.4 Maintaining clear and appropriate professional boundaries in the MRT– Patient relationship to avoid actions that could impair their professional judgment;
- 3.2.5 Providing individualized, comprehensive and safe treatment during examinations or therapy sessions, taking into account the patient’s particular physical and emotional needs, values and cultural background; and,
- 3.2.6 Preserving and protecting the confidentiality of information acquired through professional contact with the patient, except to facilitate diagnosis or treatment of the patient, or when legally obliged or allowed to disclose such information.

3.3 Responsibility to the Profession

MRTs must promote excellence in the profession by:

- 3.3.1 Assisting each other and the SAMRT in upholding the spirit and the letter of the law, the *Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006* and the bylaws and other standards of practice set by the SAMRT;
- 3.3.2 Contributing to the development of the art and science of medical radiation technology through collaboration, continuing education and research;
- 3.3.3 Conducting all professional activities, programs and relations honestly and responsibly, and by avoiding any actions that might discredit the profession; and,
- 3.3.4 Committing to the practice of life-long learning, sharing new practices with colleagues and engaging in professional activities.

3.4. Responsibility to Colleagues and other Health Professionals

MRTs must develop and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with colleagues and other health professionals by:

- 3.4.1 Consulting with, referring to and co-operating with other professionals to the extent needed to serve the best interests of their patients;
- 3.4.2 Ensuring the safety of other health professionals when in practice or in areas under the MRTs' responsibility; and,
- 3.4.3 Educating colleagues and other health professionals about practices and procedures relating to medical radiation technology.

3.5 Personal Responsibility

MRTs are fully accountable for all their professional undertakings and shall:

- 3.5.1 Maintain and enhance their personal well-being to be effective in their practice.
- 3.5.2 Maintain and apply current and relevant scientific and professional knowledge and skill in every aspect of practice;
- 3.5.3 Take appropriate action in responding to incidents which put the care of patients at risk or brings harm to the profession;
- 3.5.4 Avoid conflict of interest; and,
- 3.5.5 Provide professional service only when free from the influence of alcohol, drugs or other substances or any condition that might impede the delivery of safe service.

4.1 Acknowledgments

4.2 The contents of this document have been adapted whole or in part from the ©2011 College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario Code of Ethics with permission.

4.3 Advice was also sought from the Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic & Therapeutic Technologists.

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