

CODE OF ETHICS



PREAMBLE:

This Code of Ethics is a series of statements of values and principles that define the purpose of the Ontario Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (OAMRT) in terms of expectations in the practice environment and by defining standards of professional conduct and ways to prioritize or balance ethical principles when these appear to be in conflict.

The OAMRT expects its Members to adhere to the highest ethical standards. Further, the Member has a social contract with society as a whole and the Ontario public and professional obligations to patients, colleagues and to the art and science of Medical Radiation Technology and are thus accountable under this contract..

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Every Member has a duty to:

- Provide service with empathy, dignity and respect to all peoples regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, type of illness, mentally or physically challenged in a non-punitive manner.
- Respect the rights of patients to choose their own values and goals in deciding what happens to their bodies and lives.
- Respect the needs of a patient's family and friends.
- Accept accountability for one's actions and practice.
- Be a role model.
- Work toward peaceful resolution of conflict situations.
- Value, respect, support and mentor those who have new ideas and questions the status quo.
- Avoid situations which could be perceived as a conflict of interest or unprofessional conduct by abiding to this Code of Ethics and the OAMRT Code of Conduct.
- Adhere to the Standards of Practice of the regulatory body governing our Profession.
- Conduct all diagnostic imaging and therapeutic procedures with due regard to the current radiation safety regulations and with due regard for the ecosystem to protect the patient, the MRT and other health-care providers.
- Adopt an attitude of mutual respect and trust and respect an individual's inherent work and collective rights to maintain the dignity of the Member and the Profession.
- Keep current concerning their area(s) of practice through life-long learning.
- Practice the Profession using the "best practices" of the Profession consistent with the resources provided.

- Report violations of legislation, Standards of Practice and the OAMRT Code of Ethics.
- Anticipate the consequences of their actions in terms of the application of your work whether that is in practice or in research and where ethical issues arise redirect it accordingly.
- Preserve and protect confidentiality of information and data, either medical or personal, concerning a patient , except where such disclosure is permitted by legislation.
- Advance the Profession through self-development, participation in research and participation in Medical Radiation Technology Associations.
- Keep colleagues in the Association informed of new practices and results of research.
- Be honest, keep promises and committed to telling the truth and minimize harm.
- Disseminate this Code of Ethics to those not in the practice of Medical Radiation Technology, but who are managers, educators or health-care providers they interact with.
- Act with honesty and integrity not only in practice matters but also personally and in business matters.
- Promote a safe and effective workplace and if in a position of authority create a safe ethical workplace within an environment of openness and transparency and providing and supporting safe, effective and ethical practices and the resources to achieve this.