



## Ontario Association of Medical Radiation Technologists

# CODE OF CONDUCT

### INTRODUCTION

1. The Code of Conduct is provided as advice and guidance to our Members practising the Profession and to those who are training to become certified to practice.
2. The Code of Conduct is designed to compliment the Code of Ethics of the Association, the Standards of Practice of the College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO), and their professional conduct regulations.

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3. The Code of Conduct recommended for the Profession is as follows:
  - a. Members must hold in confidence any information obtained about a patient in the performance of their duties consistent with the requirements of the workplace, the CMRTO and legislation.
  - b. Members must not engage in, or condone behaviour which causes unnecessary mental, physical distress or loss of dignity, privacy or autonomy to the patient, their relatives or friends. In doing this, Members will have at all times regard for the physical, psychological, cultural and spiritual needs of patients.
  - c. Members have a responsibility to promote and safeguard the well-being and safety of their patients at all times for whom they are professionally accountable, by ensuring that no act or omission on their part places the patient at risk or in harm's way.
  - d. Members must empower, support and enable patients to make their own informed decisions about the nature and progress of their examination or treatment.
  - e. Members are expected to meet the highest standards of personal integrity and shall avoid the abuse of their status with their patients, their relatives and friends.
  - f. Members shall comply with and be accountable to the laws of the country, province and municipality in which they practice, acting in such a manner as to justify public trust and confidence to uphold and strengthen the profession in the eyes of the public.
  - g. Members must never be under the influence of any toxic substance which impairs the performance of their duties.

- h. Members should work in a collaborative and cooperative manner with other Members of the health care team.
- i. The Members must make every reasonable effort to sustain and expand their knowledge and professional competence and consider their personal and professional needs by developing a professional portfolio.
- j. The Members should develop their professional role not only within the workplace, but within the Profession itself to advance the practice of the Profession.
- k. The Member shall practice their Profession only on those who have been referred appropriately by a qualified, authorized health care provider.
- l. The Member shall practice only the Discipline or a sub-specialty for which she/he has received the appropriate training and/or achieved the required qualifications.
- m. The Member shall take reasonable steps when dealing with the media. The information given to the media is such that the profession is represented in an objective and credible manner.
- n. The Member shall participate in teaching OAMRT Students when applicable; reinforcing the Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and the CMRTO's Standards of Practice, maintaining and advancing the Profession, assisting in investigating new and innovative aspects of professional practice and promoting the Profession and health care in general.

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