

# Alberta Society of Cardiology Technology Application for Regulation



# Application for Regulation was approved by ASRCT and submitted 2009

- ▣ At that time the application was made to be part of the Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists
- ▣ 2014 ASRCT was approached to reconsider the application to be part of the Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists
- ▣ ASRCT HPA Committee started the process for more information

# December 12, 2014

- ▣ Mary Fielden, Helena Xing and Wendy Wilson met with;
- ▣ ACMDTT - Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists – Kathy Hilsenteger
- ▣ ACCLXT – Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists – Lyndsay Arndt
- ▣ Shawn Knight – Director, Legislation and Regulation Workforce Strategy Branch

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- ▣ Shawn Knight from Health Professional Services and Health Benefits Division, discussed government changes regarding current system needs for inclusion of groups under the Health Professions Act. Current needs look at collaboration between groups, benefits each group bring to each other, strengthening existing colleges as well as accountability to the public.
- ▣ *The Government sees a better fit for Cardiology Technologists with the ACCLXT Group.*

# January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- ▣ Mary Fielden and Wendy Wilson attended a Board Meeting with the Alberta College of Combined Lab and X-Ray Technologists – ACCLXT
- ▣ ACCLXT obtain diplomas from 2 two year NAIT program in Alberta and similar technical school in Saskatchewan. Currently they are working towards a national exam.
- ▣ Members who were employed as Combined Lab and X-ray Technologists before the HPA came into effect and did not have the diplomas from the schools, were grandfathered into their licences with a bridging program obtaining a minimum certificate in a distance learning on-line format. It was a very flexible program designed to integrate those members over time, not exclude them.

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- ▣ *Once regulated under HPA, employers are mandated to hire only licenced technologists.*
- ▣ Continuing competency credits must be maintained by members in order to register on-line to pay their dues, which are April 1<sup>st</sup> yearly. Their membership cards cover April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> yearly and members have 30 days to pay their dues. If dues are in arrears after 30 days they are contacted by the college for payment. All continuing competency credits are traced on line under members secure login and members cannot pay their dues until their competency credits are achieved. ACCLXT do an audit every year and members are checked at random to see if they comply. If dues and continuing competency credits are not maintained, the member risks losing their licence.

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- ❑ ACCLXT provides minimal educational opportunities to members. This is not the purpose of a licenced college. There is an ACCLXT Annual General Meeting where some educational sessions are offered and if regulated the this group, that would include some cardiology technology education, however to maintain continued competency credits it is encouraged that members maintain their national affiliations for enhancement of their professions and educational needs. For us this means it would be in our best interest to maintain ties with CSCT since CSCT provides our National Exam and are affiliated with the Canadian Medical Association.
- ❑ Dues to CSCT are currently \$65.00 per year which members would pay in addition to the HPA dues to the ACCLXT.

# Some Key Points

- ▣ In order to maintain licence a member must work 750 hours over three years or 1125 hours over five years.
- ▣ If Regulated under this group, ACCLXT would change their name to include Cardiology Technologists.
- ▣ If Regulated under this group, their new board council structure would add 2 board members which would come from Cardiology Technologist representation. We would follow the ACCLXT bylaws.



# February 13, 2015

- ▣ Helena Xing, Sherry Raven and Wendy Wilson met with Lyndsay Arndt ACCLXT and Kathy Hilsenteger ACMDTT – the thought was to update our (ASRCT) HPA application.
- ▣ Lyndsay Arndt contacted Wendy Wilson to say that she has been in conversation with the department of Legislation and Regulation Workforce and Strategy Branch and it would be the best approach to move forward with the existing Application.
- ▣ Frist step is to communication with the ASRCT Membership of the process and changes that have happened.

# Observations by the HPA Committee

- ▣ Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists is a very Professional Group
- ▣ Open to new ideas, works well as a team today and we believe will work well as a joint team.
- ▣ ACCLXT has HPA to offer ASRCT
- ▣ ASRCT has a National Body to support ACCLXT to develop a National Body
- ▣ The Department of Legislation and Regulation Workforce Strategy Branch believes this is the best practise process for ASRCT to achieve Regulation

# ASRCT Annual General Meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015

Shawn Knight Director,  
Legislation and  
Regulation Workforce  
Strategy Branch

Lyndsay Arndt  
Executive

Director/Registrar,  
Alberta College of  
Combined Laboratory  
and X-ray Technologists

Both have agreed to  
attending our 2015 AGM  
in Calgary.

