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Diagnostic Ultrasound

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has directed the College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO) to regulate the profession of Medical Sonography. This change has necessitated the amendment of several pieces of legislation, including the *Controlled Acts Regulation* (O. Reg. 107/96). Up until this point, RRTs have been able to “*apply soundwaves for diagnostic ultrasound*” under a provision within this regulation [s. 7.1(1)]. However, the pending changes to the Controlled Acts Regulation will permit only Members of the CMRTO and the College of Nurses (CNO) to perform diagnostic ultrasound under this provision. **Therefore, as of January 1, 2019, Respiratory Therapists (RTs) who wish to use ultrasound in their practice (e.g., for guided arterial line insertions) will require delegation.** Information regarding the delegation can be found in the [CRTO Delegation of Controlled Acts Professional Practice Guideline](#).

RTs who routinely perform diagnostic medical sonography as part of their practice are encouraged to contact the [CMRTO](#) in order to determine if dual registration is required.

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