



Ontario Society of Cardiology Technologists

60 North Centre Road, Box 27022

London, Ontario

N5X 3W0

www.osct.ca

Barbara Sullivan, Chair
Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council
55 St. Clair Avenue West, 8th Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 2Y7

September 12, 2007

Dear Ms Sullivan,

We are writing to request a meeting to discuss the most recent referral from Minister Smitherman, dated June 28, 2007, that includes a request for updated advice on the regulation of diagnostic sonography.

Our Association noted with interest the recommendation made by the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council in relation to the diagnostic and technological service sector as outlined in your recent report *Regulation of Health Professions in Ontario: New Directions*.

The OSCT indicated it wished to be a stakeholder in the review process involving the diagnostic and technological sector in a letter to Minister Smitherman, dated November 10, 2006. Our consultant, Judith Ramirez, had recently met with Brian O'Riordan, HPRAC's Chief Operating Officer, to indicate our interest in participating in the anticipated consultation that would appropriately include cardiac diagnostics and rehabilitation.

Our organization represents approximately 600 Cardiology Technologists (CTs) across Ontario. Our members are employed primarily in cardiac diagnostic clinics and hospitals and play an integral role in cardiac health care teams.

Cardiology Technologists provide non-invasive and invasive multiple testing services including Electrocardiography, Holter Monitoring, Exercise Testing, Pacemaker follow-up and Cardiac Electrophysiology Procedures

In December 2000, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) approved the inclusion of Cardiology Technology in the conjoint accreditation process as a designated health science profession.

OSCT is affiliated with the Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists (CSCT) which has developed the National Occupational Competency Profile (NOCP) for the practice of

Cardiology Technology. The Canadian Medical Association uses the NOCP to accredit Cardiology Technology Training Programs across the country, including in Ontario.

OSCT is in the process of conducting an environmental scan on the regulation of CT in other Canadian jurisdictions, including New Brunswick where draft legislation was introduced on May 28, 2004.

We are also in dialogue with other professional associations representing the cardiac diagnostic sector, including Margaret MacDonald, President of the Ontario Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

We look forward to meeting with you to outline OSCT's views on how the regulation of diagnostic sonography and related professions such as cardiology technology can serve the interest of protecting the public under the Regulated Health Professions Act.

Yours truly,

Marg Mount
President

Irene Williamson, RCT
Chair, Legislation Committee

Copy:

Brian O'Riordan
Chief Operating Officer
Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council
Suite 806, Box 18
55 St. Clair Avenue West
Toronto, ON M4V 2Y7