



College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba

Message from the CMLTM Chair

As the Chair of the CMLTM Council, I would like to express how excited we are to launch the first issue of our newsletter.

Many members have communicated to us that they would like to have updated information on a regular basis on issues that concern them. We hope that compiling this information into regular newsletters will address these concerns and help members understand more about the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba and our mandates. In each newsletter, you will find current information on the committees and volunteers working behind the scenes, tips on Continuing Education and FAQs about matters of interest expressed by the members.

We encourage feedback at all times, so please feel free to send any ideas or submissions that you would like us to include in upcoming issues to Tiana Baskin at tbaskin@cmltm.ca. Please enjoy this issue and we encourage you to continue to discover more with each subsequent publication.

Noelle Cater,
CMLTM Council Chair



Quick Announcements

- Nominations for CMLTM council were due July 5, 2012.
- **COME to the 2012 Annual General Meeting:**
September 29th, 2012
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Greenwood Inn & Suites
1715 Wellington Avenue
Winnipeg, MB
- CSMLS is about to celebrate its 75th anniversary! Enjoy the Tiara and Tie Dinner on October 2, 2012. Tickets are available through Marlene Dinelle at: marlene.dinelle@cancercare.mb.ca

Help us name our newsletter! Send us your suggestions on what our newsletter should be called. The winner will receive a prize! E-mail us your ideas at tbaskin@cmltm.ca before October 19, 2012. Good luck!

Message from the CMLTM Registrar/CEO

CMLTM Council has recently completed strategic planning sessions. As our Council worked through these sessions we were able to take stock of the current state of our organization, identify our strengths as well as areas that required improvement and develop a plan to move forward. CMLTM Council identified that our organization was lacking a formal governance model and had been relying on the Medical Laboratory Technologist Act, Regulations and CMLTM by-laws as the framework for operations. However without specific details regarding the responsibilities and expectations of Council/Committee members and staff it is difficult to measure the effectiveness of CMLTM operation. In moving forward CMLTM Council is committed to the development of formal policies/procedures and once these details are set Council will be able to identify important issues in the regulation of Medical Laboratory Technology and work toward addressing them.

Another one of the issues identified included the need to educate the public and CMLTM registrants regarding CMLTM's role. Council is committed to on going public awareness

campaigns and so CMLTM launched a public awareness campaign to coincide with National Med Lab Week (April 22-28, 2012). This public awareness campaign included bustail signage (Winnipeg and Brandon Transit), newspaper advertisements (Winnipeg Free Press and Brandon Sun) and radio advertising (CJOB).

CMLTM continues to advocate for the regulation of all medical laboratory staff including medical laboratory assistants (MLA) and LabX (cross-trained med lab/x-ray). In the very near future CMLTM will conduct stakeholder meetings to explain the importance of self-regulation of all healthcare providers.

The success of CMLTM and projects like this newsletter rely on your participation. We encourage all members to actively participate by volunteering in any way you can in the promotion of your chosen profession of medical laboratory technology.

Adam Chrobak, BSc, MLT
Registrar/CEO

Did you know?

That under the Medical Laboratory Technologists Act (MLTA) in order to practice as a Medical Laboratory Technologist (MLT) in Manitoba you are required to be registered with the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Manitoba (CMLTM). Furthermore, the Regulations state:

"No person except a Medical Laboratory Technologist shall

- a. Represent or hold out, expressly or by implication, that he or she is a medical laboratory technologist or is entitled to engage in the practice of medical laboratory technology as a medical laboratory technologist; or
- b. Use any sign, display, title or advertisement implying that he or she is a Medical Laboratory Technologist."

So what does this mean?

If a person wishes to use the title of MLT or represent themselves as an MLT, they must be registered with CMLTM.