



New Zealand
**Medical Radiation
Technologists Board**
Te Poari Ringa Hangarua Iraruke

CONSULTATION OUTCOMES POLICY: CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY PRACTITIONERS IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

IN NOVEMBER 2019 THE MEDICAL RADIATION
TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD PUBLISHED A CONSULTATION
DOCUMENT SEEKING FEEDBACK ON A POLICY FOR THE
NAMING OF PRACTITIONERS WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO
AN ORDER OR DIRECTION.

THIS REPORT SUMMARISES THE KEY THEMES OF THE
CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSE

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Introduction

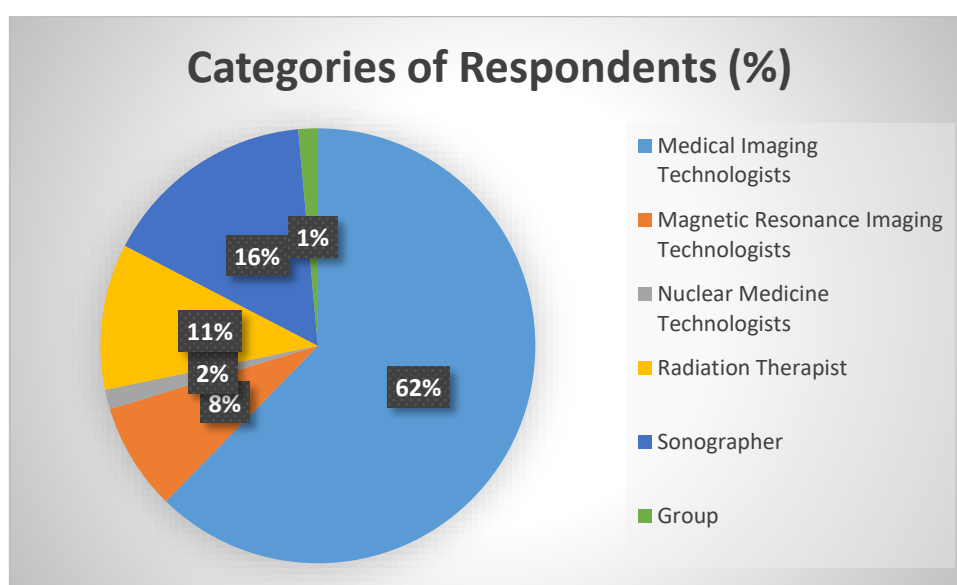
The Medical Radiation Technologists Board (the Board) extends its thanks and appreciation to the individuals and groups who provided feedback to a recent (September 2019) consultation on the revised policy document *Code of Ethical Conduct for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Practitioners in Aotearoa New Zealand*.

Consultation Response Rate

138 responses were received with 2 of those submitted from a group stakeholder perspective (the NZ Institute of Medical Radiation Technology and the Australasian Sonographers Association).

The 136 submissions received from members of the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession equated to 4% of the total number of practitioners who hold a current practising certificate which represents a relatively small response rate.

Category	Number of Respondents
Medical Imaging Technologists	86
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	11
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	2
Radiation Therapist	15
Sonographer	22
Group	2
TOTAL	138



Consultation Results

Questions	Response Options	MIT	MRIT	NM	RT	SON	GROUP	Total	%
The Board has renamed the Code of Ethics document to the Code of Ethical Conduct because it is responsible for setting the standards of ethical conduct. Do you agree or disagree with this change?	Agree	83	11	2	14	21	2	133	98%
	Disagree	3	-	-	1	1	-	5	2%
Principle One focuses on patient health and wellbeing. Do you agree with the standards that are outlined?	Agree	80	11	2	13	18	2	126	96%
	Disagree	3	-	-	1	1	-	5	4%
Principle Two focuses on patient-centred service delivery. Do you agree or disagree with the standards that are outlined?	Agree	81	10	2	12	18	2	125	98%
	Disagree	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2%
Principle Three focuses on collaborative practice to optimise health outcomes. Do you agree or disagree with the standards that are outlined?	Agree	84	10	2	13	18	2	129	98%
	Disagree	1	-	-	1	1	-	3	2%
Principle Four focuses on honesty and integrity. Do you agree or disagree with the standards that are outlined?	Agree	79	11	2	14	16	2	124	98%
	Disagree	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2%
Principle Five focuses on responsibility for professional decisions. Do you agree or disagree with the standards that are outlined?	Agree	83	10	2	14	17	2	128	98%
	Disagree	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2%

Board Deliberation and Decision

The Board noted that the high percentage of respondents agreed with each of the revised standards as set out in the *Code of Ethical Conduct* document. A number of relatively minor amendments have been made to the document based on respondents' feedback.

The Board's final edition of the policy on *Code of Ethical Conduct for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Practitioners in Aotearoa New Zealand* has now been finalised and a copy of the document is available on the Board's website at www.mrtboard.org.nz