



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

**MRTB
 NEWS**

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD



FROM THE CHAIR

2017 has been an extremely busy year for the board and MSS as you will see detailed below in the newsletter. I would like to thank you all for your participation in the consultations and other board functions that you may have been involved with during the year.

As 2017 comes to an end I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year along with safe travel on your holidays.

PETER GENE.

What a contribution Peter made to the MRTB for many years. As many of you will know Peter sadly passed away late November. Peter will be missed as an invaluable Nuclear Medicine Technologist in assisting the Medical Radiation Technologists Board for many years. Peter was a willing and available Registration Examination Assessor and assisted in writing the original Competency documents for Nuclear Medicine in 2004 along with ongoing reviews. Peter also reliably kept the board informed of issues that were dear to his heart.

Peter will leave a void not only for the MRTB but for Nuclear Medicine in New Zealand as a good friend and mentor for many of the Nuclear Medicine practitioners.

Peter also held the role of President for APEX for many years.

Peter had a very generous, kind and caring way of going about his daily business along with a good sense of humour.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and to the Nuclear Medicine Department at Palmerston North Hospital.

Prue Lamerton
 Chair - MRTB



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Once you are registered, you have a legal requirement to notify the Board of any changes to your residential, postal or work address within one month of the change.

You can do this by logging into "My Profile" on the website. Please note email address changes must be emailed to mrt@medsci.co.nz

BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY

The primary responsibility of the Medical Radiation Technologists Board is to protect the health and safety of the New Zealand public by ensuring practitioners registered in the profession of medical radiation technology are competent and fit to practice.

ADMINISTRATION STAFF CHANGES

The Board with the Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand (MSC) jointly-own a not-for-profit company; Medical Sciences Secretariat (MSS), through which all business support services are provided. MSS have had a number of recent staff changes and would like to take this opportunity to introduce the MSS staff team and their contact details.

Mary Doyle	Chief Executive
Margaret Steel	Registrar
Victoria Nelson	Finance and Administration Manager
Glenys Davies	Communications and Strategic Projects Coordinator
Varsha Parsotam	Registrations Coordinator
Leanne Bartlett	Registrations Coordinator
Anita Alcock	Finance and Office Administrator
Anna Lockett	Office Administrator



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NEW GRADUATES FOR 2017

As the end of the year is fast approaching, it is timely for the Board to remind graduates and employers of their obligations to ensure all newly employed medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners are registered and hold a current practising certificate.

NEED TO BE REGISTERED AND HOLDING AN APC BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

If you need to be registered and holding your practising certificate (APC) the Board will need to have received your completed registration application before the 15th December. There are no guarantee applications received after this date will be processed before the Christmas break.

The last date for APC applications is the 20th December 2017.



MRTB ANNUAL REPORT

The Board is pleased to present its annual report for the financial year 2016-2017.

[Click here to view](#), or visit the Board's website to download a copy.



2018/2019 APC RENEWAL

Soon it will be time to renew your APC, the Board would like to take this opportunity to remind you all to ensure your contact details are up-to-date. Instructions on how to renew your APC will be emailed to you closer to the time.



2017 CONSULTATIONS

During 2017 the Board has published several consultations and outcomes:

1. March 2017: Competencies outcomes
2. March 2017: Continuing Professional Development outcomes
3. September 2017: Examination policy and guidelines consultation
4. September 2017: Fees review Consultation document
5. October 2017: Fees review outcomes

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all you has been involved in these projects from the development to those who provided feedback.



MRTB XMAS OFFICE HOURS

Please note the Board's office will be closed on the 22nd December, and will re-open on Monday the 08th January.

The Board wishes you all a happy and safe holiday.



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CPD reflection

Reflection is key to effective CPD and is an essential element to learning, benefits include:

- ✓ Validate your existing knowledge and skills – reflecting you haven't learned anything new from attending a event is a valid conclusion
- ✓ Enables you to build on your prior knowledge and skills
- ✓ Enables you to take control of your own learning agenda
- ✓ Helps you to understand your perspective, attitudes and beliefs which may influence your practice
- ✓ Assist in identifying and solving problems
- ✓ Encourage you to consider alternatives and options

Things to remember

When writing your reflection, or including evidence of CPD, remember to remove any information that may lead to the identification of a patient.

YOU CAN CLAIM:

ONE-HOUR CPD EACH YEAR FOR WRITING YOUR REFLECTION, UP TO THREE-HOURS PER TRIENNium.

BOARD FEES

The Board has recently reviewed its fees and have gazetted the following to become effective from 01 February 2018

A. Registration Fees	\$
Application for registration from a New Zealand trained practitioner	350.00
Application for registration under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997	350.00
Application for registration from an overseas trained practitioner	800.00
Application to add an addition scope of practice (training)	190.00
Application to add a scope of practice	190.00
B. Annual Practising Certificate (APC) Fees	\$
Renewal of an APC received by 31 March	400.00
Renewal of an APC received after 7 April	560.00
Application for an initial APC received between 1 December to 31 March	133.00
C. Supply of Document Fees	\$
Document certifying registration status	60.00
Document for the purpose of seeking registration overseas	140.00
Restoration to the register	50.00
D. Examination Fee	\$
Examination set or approved by the Board	2620.00

NEW ZEALAND HEALTH PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL (HPDT) DECISIONS

PRACTITIONER: JONATHAN WADE LITCHFIELD (FORMERLY GRAVE)

Charge Characteristics:

Practising without a current practising certificate (Established)

Conditions on scope of practice - failure to comply (Not Established)

Authority - Lied/misled (Established)

Charge

Three charges were laid by a Professional Conduct Committee against Mr Jonathan Wade Litchfield, formerly known as Jonathan Wade Grave, registered medical radiation technologist of Auckland (the Medical Radiation Technologist). The charges alleged:

1. During the period 1 April 2015 to 25 August 2015 he practised the profession of medical radiation technology without a current practising certificate.
2. He failed to observe conditions on his practice in that he failed to provide various reports to the Board. He knew the reports were required to satisfy the Board that he was addressing his alcohol and prescription drug misuse issues and/or that he was fit to practise as a medical radiation technologist; and
3. He acted fraudulently and/or dishonestly in December 2015. He was required to provide a drug and alcohol test in order to get his APC and
 - i. he requested another registered medical radiation technologist supply him with a urine sample for the test; and
 - ii. he submitted a false urine sample for testing which would mislead the Board.

Finding

The Charge proceeded on the basis of an Agreed Summary of Facts.

The Tribunal found Charge 1 was established.

The Tribunal found Charge 2 was not established. The Tribunal was not satisfied on the balance of probabilities that there had been conditions imposed on the Medical Radiation Technologist's scope of practice as alleged which meant it was not necessary for the Tribunal to consider whether or not the conditions were satisfied.

The Tribunal found both particulars of Charge 3 were established and they separately and cumulatively amounted to professional misconduct.

Penalty

The Tribunal ordered the Medical Radiation Technologist:

- be censured;
- be suspended for a period of 12 months;
- practise under various conditions; and
- pay costs of \$7,500.

The Tribunal directed publication of its decision and a summary.

[Link to reference on HPDT website](#)