

Policy Title: Professional Standards – Technologists	
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1. SCOPE

Breast Screening Program Technologists

2. BACKGROUND

An organized approach to high quality breast screening is reliant upon adoption of best practices for all aspects of the Breast Screening Program.

3. POLICY

The Breast Screening program has established the following professional standards for the imaging professionals involved in the program:

Qualification Requirements

1. Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) certification or the equivalent provincial registration.
2. Special training in mammography, either through the training curriculum or special courses one (1) year experience in mammography procedures preferred.
3. Minimum of 40 hours of mammography training under the supervision of a qualified instructor or senior mammography technologist. Must include:
 - Breast anatomy and physiology
 - Quality assurance and quality control techniques
 - Positioning
 - Completion of a minimum of 50 exams under direct supervision of an experienced mammography technologist
 - Completion of a minimum of 300 exams under close supervision of an experienced mammographic technologist
4. Completion of CAMRT Mammography I and Mammography II or the equivalency is recommended.
5. All standards of practice as set down by the CAMRT must be met including; excellent patient care, confidentiality, proper patient verification, accurate record taking and accountability, and optimum positioning skills.

6. Excellent interpersonal skills including the ability to communicate effectively (verbally and written) with patients and all level of staff.
7. Perform mammographic exams with a technical repeat rate of less than 2%.
8. Physical ability to work in a high volume screening centre.
9. A technologist must earn 15 hours of continuing mammography education credits in breast imaging within the past three (3) years to meet the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) criteria for accreditation.

Qualification Requirements – Technologist out of work force over five (5) years

1. Mammography experience is an asset; technologists should meet/attain requirements above.
2. All technologists must have current CAMRT registration in order to work at a CAR accredited site. If the technologist requires re-instatement they can contact BCAMRT: <http://www.bcamrt.bc.ca/contentpage.aspx?id=reinstate>.
3. Centres wishing to hire technologists to work while waiting to be re-instated will need to contact CAR to determine what requirements may be needed - contact CAR MAP (CAR needs to be contacted any time a new technologist joins a centre).
4. If it has been five (5) years since the technologist has performed mammography or completed CAMRT Mammo 1 - then the program recommends the technologist repeat CAMRT Mammo 1. If the technologist is a confident mammographer they may also challenge the CAMRT Mammo 1 course. More information can be found at www.camrt.ca

4. RELATED POLICIES

Breast Screening Technologist Manual

5. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Professional Practice Leader – Breast Screening Technologists