



Message from President

Dear CAMDR Members and Supporters,

Once again, it's time to look back at the year in reflection as an association, and to provide our members and vendor partners with a summary of our numerous accomplishments as we set our sights on the new year. 2019 marked our 6th year as an association, one in which our membership and partnerships continued to grow. Coming off a very successful conference in Halifax, our team has been busy planning our next big event scheduled for 2020. Our website continues to improve and offer our members opportunities to learn and earn credits with even more education modules being made available. Lastly, our 5-year strategic plan is nearing completion with many exciting new goals that will enhance our presence as a national body on medical device reprocessing.

As an association, our membership and the partnerships made with other associations and the vendor community is paramount. Although 2019 was an off-conference year, our membership continues to grow nearing 400 strong. CAMDR members continue to enjoy the benefits offered including update-to-date news on reprocessing trends and technology, networking with colleagues from across the country, scholarships and bursaries, and a vast array of educational opportunities. Similarly, our partnerships with provincial medical device reprocessing associations such as AMDRT, MDRAO, MDRANS and AQRDM, and national associations such as IPAC-Canada, ORNAC and CAFCN and continue you flourish, through the mutually beneficial exchange of information and support.

Since 2014, CAMDR has held a biennial conference to bring our members together in an informative and fun networking event supported by vendor leaders in medical device reprocessing. Our conferences have been held in Winnipeg, Toronto and most recently Halifax, and continue to gain attention as the industry's national event to attend. Planning for the CAMDR 2020 Conference in Edmonton, Alberta began almost



Albert Csapó, CAMDR President,
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immediately following our 2018 conference with hundreds of hours going into booking the venue and support services, creating our Vendor Prospectus and reaching out to our corporate sponsors, and developing an itinerary with an exceptional lineup of guest speakers. All this hard work has paid off as the final details are being made in preparation for the launch of registration on January 6th, 2020. Looking beyond next year, we are already in the early stages of planning our conferences for 2022 and 2024, so stay tuned! The CAMDR website is a continuously evolving project as updates and information continue to pour in. The member's only section now has an incredible 140+ education modules to choose from providing a wide variety of topics that are important to MDR staff, and offer credits towards certification. Updates on upcoming events across the country and the globe are listed to provide additional networking and learning opportunities to potential attendees. Lastly, our website is home to the ever popular newsletter that gives our membership the opportunity to describe what is going on within their region.



Message from President cont.

As our association grows and evolves so do our goals, which requires extensive planning in order to ensure we meet the changing needs of our membership while maintaining our Vision as the national voice and leader in medical device reprocessing practices. Our 5 year strategic plan includes the successful marketing of the association so as to grow membership and partnerships to enhance the overall experience of each, and to work towards making medical device reprocessing a recognized professional body in Canada.

It continues to be a pleasure serving as the President of CAMDR and providing the association with leadership over the past year while working with some of the most dedicated individuals in the industry. I want to take this opportunity to thank these individuals that make up our Board of Directors and the Provincial Advisory for the countless hours of work they have committed to in performing their roles with professionalism. I also want to thank our corporate sponsors and vendor partners who have provided the support and resources necessary to not only run an association, but make it thrive.

Lastly, to all the members of CAMDR, thank you for your support of the association, and for all the work you do in providing safe patient care. Healthcare cannot function without the important contributions you make every day. On behalf of my fellow Board members, I wish you, your family and friends a very Happy Holiday season, and a healthy

Sincerely,

Albert Csapó

President, CAMDR





Conference Reports - MDRAO 2019

The Medical Device Reprocessing Association of Ontario (MDRAO) celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. CAMDR, as a partner with MDRAO, was provided a complimentary booth which delegates visited to learn more about CAMDR member benefits.

The education sessions began on September 6th with two back to back workshops **Quality Control in MDRD** by Gillian Shaw, Account Manager from Steris Instrument Management Services (IMS). She demonstrated how to test various key instruments, reviewed testing methodologies in the industry today including leak testing in endoscopes, proper reprocessing methods for hand wash devices. The second workshop, **Tools of the Trade-Best Practices in Endoscope Reprocessing Technology and Workflow** by David Murphy, Director of Marketing at Cantel Medical showed the delegates the full spectrum of reprocessing equipment solely for the purpose of washing, disinfecting, drying and tracking all flexible endoscopes for patient use.

On Saturday, September 7th, Jeffrey Phelps President of MDRAO opened the conference with an address to the members. This was followed by a presentation on **"Secret Sauce...Thriving in Times of Change"**. By our keynote speaker, Meg Soper, RN, Motivational Humorist Speaker. With her background in nursing and understanding of the inner workings of MDR, she provided insight in how to take care of ourselves first so that we in turn can provide safe patient care in the work we do each day. There were many laughs to be had by all delegates but some very thoughtful ideas on how to stay sane in this constant whirlwind of change in our industry.

Further education sessions included Melanie Choquette, Account Manager from Nanosonics Canada Inc. on the **Trophon system**, an automated ultrasound probe high level disinfection tracking device. As well, a **Surgeon's Glance on Device Reprocessing and Standardization in the OR"** presented by Dr. Jay Toor founded by Primus Healthcare Solutions. In order to avoid over reprocessing of your instrument sets, it is necessary to review all surgical sets for instrument redundancy and remove anything that can be eliminated or sterilized in peel pouches for cost savings. The last speaker was Dr. Michelle Alfa, Ph.D. FCCM sponsored by Torvan Medical to review the **"Dirt on Endoscopes and Biofilm"** which is always an eye opener for all attendees. She focused on "improving reprocessing of complex medical devices and monitoring disinfection cleaning of the healthcare environment to reduce the risk of infection transmission.

Sunday, September 8th, Denise Bosnak, Past President of MDRAO provided opening remarks. We listened intently to Christina Fast, CRCST MDR Technician, founder and Executive Director of Sterile Processing Education Charitable Trust (SPECT). Several years ago, Christina volunteered as a MDRT in Freetown, Sierra Leone with the international Non-Profit (NGO), Mercy Ships. She spoke about **"Breaking Barriers to Save Lives in Low- and Middle-Income Countries"**. After she worked some of the countries supported NGO, she saw a great need to establish some on-going basic education and training in instrument reprocessing on the ships and on the ground in various healthcare facilities. We came away from that session with an appreciation for the MDRDs we work in here in Canada and the tools and education that we have at our fingertips.

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The next session called “**Standards and Evidence-How Evidence Based are Standards?**” by Josephus van Dormagen, Ph.D. and Principal Scientist with Steelco.

The vendor exhibits (52 in total) were well attended and a great way to network with MDR industry professionals and front-line technicians.

The afternoon brought more education sessions on "**The Science of Speed-How Fast Biological Indicators Have Changed Quality Control in Reprocessing**" by Janet Proust , Director of Global Standards, and 3M. We learned of a 20-minute biological indicator that a few healthcare facilities are currently using to get results even earlier thus providing faster patient care.

Paul Ashton and Steve Bonny, Global Sales Manager T-Doc Implementation Specialist from Getinge Canada presented on the "**Evolution of Tracking Systems-What the Future Holds for Patients and Hospitals**"

Jeffrey Phelps, President of MDRAO provided closing remarks and thanked all vendors, speakers and delegates for attending this momentous conference.



Dan Stabb, Stephenis Naugler, Tim Varao, Dawn Vassell

Educational conferences are a great way to get involved in critical medical device reprocessing industry and learn what are our challenges with reprocessing certain medical devices confusing or incomplete manufacturer s instructions for use new methodologies or new consumables now on the market. This platform also gives attendees a bird s eye view of new or revised Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards and processes. **Remember to start planning NOW to attend CAMDR's 2020 educational conference in Edmonton, Alberta-October 15-18th!**

Stephanie Naugler
CAMDR Provincial Advisor
Ontario



Conference Reports - AMDRT 2019

CAMDR was provided a complimentary registration and booth to attend the AMDRT Annual Conference at the Coast Nisku Inn & Conference Centre in Nisku, Alberta on September 27th -29th, located just 7 minutes from the airport and about 20 minutes from Edmonton. A total of 220 +delegates were in attendance which is an excellent turnout for this conference.

Day 1 started with two presentations sponsored by Steris and Diversity. Surgical Product Specialties sponsored a Wine and Cheese social.

Day 2 began with breakfast sponsored by SciCan, followed by the opening ceremonies hosted by the President of AMDRT, Tanya Pasula who announced their name change from AAMDRT to AMDRT as they are not an association. The keynote speaker, Christina Fast, was well received and was sponsored by Sterile Processing Education Charitable Trust (Spect). Other notable speakers included Dr. Michelle Alfa and Gale Shultz (CAMDR Treasurer) . There were a total of 7 presentations (sponsors included Steris, SPS, Spect and Pri-Med).

Additionally, AMDRT provided me the opportunity to present a slide presentation promoting CAMDR highlighting membership benefits, the winners of a complimentary CAMDR membership and conference registration. cont...



Meredith Slack, Albert Csapo, Dianne Trudeau & Gale Schultz



Conference Reports - AMDRT 2019 cont.

Lunch (sponsored by Steris) was provided for both delegates and vendors. The vendor expo consisted of 24 booths and 20 vendors and was well attended. The CAMDR booth was swarmed with delegates interested in the upcoming conference in Edmonton. The pens and notepads with CAMDR logo were a huge hit. The draw for the registration produced 118 delegate contacts. The booth contained our 20200 CAMDR Conference flyer, both CSA flyers, CAMDR pens and pads of paper, and a framed Complimentary Conference Registration Certificate.

Donna Deans and the rest of the AMDRT crew did an amazing job putting this successful conference together. The AMDRT strongly supports CAMDR and is a partnership that we should continue to promote and leverage to grow our membership. See you in Edmonton in 20200

Sincerely,
Albert Csapo
CAMDR President

Conference Reports - MDRANS 2019

The MDRANS (Medical Device Reprocessing Association of Nova Scotia) held their biennial meeting and conference September 21-22, 2019 at the Oak Island Inn and Marina in beautiful Western Shore of Nova Scotia. It was a packed day and a half with 9 speakers from various disciplines in the health sector community. Delegates came from NNS, NB, PEI and NFLD.

The conference had 19 sales vendors displaying items and equipment related to medical device reprocessing field.

CAMDR set up a display booth with information brochures that was well attended by the conference delegates. The MDR Olympics were held Friday evening and a fun time was had by all. The MDRANS executive once again put on a great conference and all feedback was greatly positive from the delegates and vendors. Planning is well underway for our conference in 2021.

Danny LeBlanc
CAMDR Provincial Advisor
Nova Scotia



Conference Reports - Manitoba MDR Conference 2019

CAMDR was provided a complimentary registration and booth to attend the MDR Conference at the Victoria Inn Conference Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 19/199. A total of 118 delegates were in attendance with a good mix of technicians and management alike, drawing some out of town participants as well.

Opening remarks were provided by the MDR Nurse Educator for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), followed by a warm welcome from the Provincial Lead, Health System Integration, Quality CNO, Shared Health Services of Manitoba.

The first session was an IP&C review, by the WRHA Infection Prevention Practitioner followed by An informative session by Gale Schultz, CAMDR Board member, Consultant (sponsored by Primed Canada), who spoke on "WAIT is your Scope Clean? Is it Dry? "

Attendees were able to network with vendors and colleagues. CAMDR s President-Elect & Vendor Director-Dalyce Fredette-Percy and Laura Struthers, Provincial Advisor were present at a CAMDR information booth and many attendees dropped by to obtain information on our association. We had the opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of CAMDR and shared information on CAMDR s 20200 Conference "Drilling Down to Basics -October 15 -188,2020. We also presented the winner of Free Registration to the 2020 conference. cont...



*Manitoba MDR Conference Committee:
Left to Right, Gale Schultz, Wendy Zikman, Wanda Sawa,
Molly Blake, Dalyce Fredette-Percy, Jennifer Beaudry,
Keith Harris & Monica Vasin*



Monica Vasin & Patricia Gonzalez-Carreno



Conference Reports - Manitoba MDR Conference 2019

The next two presentations were "**Care and Handling of Flexible and Rigid Scopes**" by Fiber Tech Canada followed by "Surgical Instruments Staining and Corrosion" by SteriPro. The Organization Staff Development Consultant for the WRHA presented on "Change leading in uncertainty"



Dalyce Fredette-Percy & Laura Struthers

The day before the conference, Cantel sponsored an Infection Prevention Seminar. The following sessions were presented CSA Standards as they relate to GI Endoscopy by Gale Schultz-Consultant CAMDR Board member, Essentials for Cleaning Flexible Endoscopes by Cantel, Infection Prevention Assessment Chart- Cantel and Water Purification in the hospital Setting.

Dalyce Fredette-Percy
CAMDR President-Elect Vendor Director
&
Laura Struthers
CAMDR Provincial Advisor
Manitoba



Conference Reports - AQRDM 2019

CAMDR was provided a complimentary registration and booth to attend the AQRDM Annual Conference at the Hotel Mortagne, in Boucherville Québec on October 23rd – 25th. A total of 192 delegates were in attendance which was the maximum permitted space for this conference.

The conference was presented in French with exception of Dr. Michelle Alfa's 2 presentations provided in English with a French translator. Michelle's presentations, which provided insight into the challenges of biofilm left on instruments as well as the difficulties of cleaning scopes were sponsored by ASP

The agenda spanned the course of 2 days with a variety of speakers including one group that presented on the challenges of setting up a MDRD in a new facility in northern Quebec serving 7 Indigenous communities. The vendor expo was broken up into four 1 hour segments that were placed throughout the agenda which was very well attended. The CAMDR booth was stocked with bilingual postcards for our 2020 conference, as well as a bilingual "benefits of being a CAMDR member". Both Josette Forest (former CAMDR PA for Québec) and Caroline Bernier (current CAMDR PA for Québec) helped with translation at the CAMDR booth and were a huge help. The CAMDR pens and sticky notes were very popular with the delegates. There were a total of 38 vendors and 40 booths at the expo. The feedback from the vendors was overwhelmingly positive.

CAMDR conducted a raffle for complimentary memberships won by Bensaid Abdelrhafour, Sylvie Goulet and Caroline Dufour as well as a complimentary conference registration for 2020 in Edmonton won by Renée Desmeules. CAMDR's President thanked the AQRDM Executive for providing us with a complimentary booth and provide their members information about the benefits of becoming a member of CAMDR.



Josette Forest, Albert Csapo & Caroline Bernier

A big thank you to Josette and Caroline for your help with the booth and being my personal translator for the entire conference!

Albert Csapó,
President, CAMDR



MDRAO ETA Chapter - Sick Kids MDR Education Day

On Saturday, November 9, 2019 the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto hosted an “All-In” Campaign fundraiser with full day education on Medical Device Reprocessing. As all were invited, the ETA Chapter decided to also plan for the group to attend. Many amazing speakers from different vendors were invited to present topics that included reprocessing and infection control standards, complex medical devices used in health care, data analytics and instrument tracking and innovations. The vendor speakers with their expertise in tow, presented standards of practice, new techniques, new devices to the group which included many MDRAO ETA chapter members. In total over 180 delegates were in attendance.

Ian Pequegnat from Steris presented decontamination of medical devices techniques focusing on cross contamination prevention, proper prep and pack of items and trays and of course sterilization.

Kim Thompson from Karl Storz presented the new laryngeal blade video system and invited some delegates to experience hands on, on how to intubate the mannequin.

Chris Avramidis from Stryker brought in the new cordless power tools, different kinds of saws and drills. Some audience also experienced holding the tools, learned to remove and attach blades and drill bits, and how to install the batteries.

Christopher Stout from ASP presented the low temperature Sterrad systems 100S, the NX and the 100NX.

Joel Poirier from AMT Surgical spoke about endoscope handling and repair, showed how the flexible and rigid scopes works and described the different parts and common quality assurance repair details.

Reuben Subil from Sick Kids presented some medical device reprocessing and utilization reports that you can pull from the instrument tracking system using advanced Business Intelligence applications.

Andy Camara and Steve Bonney from Getinge presented their T-Doc instrument tracking system.

In the end, the hospital hosted a tour of the MDR department. Over 90 delegates participated in the tour. It was a very successful and educational event that had positive reviews. It was a great chance to network with professionals and students in the MDR field. Many members already expressed their interest, asking to let them know when the next one will take place.

Pablo Ramiro
President MDRAO ETA Chapter



HEALTH CARE

Certified Medical Device Reprocessing Technician (CMDRT)

OVERVIEW

Infection Prevention and Control and patient safety are critical to maintaining a consistent level of quality of care across health care settings. Medical Device Reprocessing Technicians, whether recent graduates or experienced technicians, are entrusted with a significant degree of responsibility in helping deliver these important outcomes.

Increasingly, government authorities and the health care organizations are recognizing and mandating the Certified Medical Device Reprocessing Technician (CMDRT) designation as a means to demonstrate that those working in the sterile services industry demonstrate the necessary practical skills and experience that can help contribute to improved patient safety and infection control.

The CMDRT title ensures that you are ready for the challenges of this ever evolving profession. Become formally recognized for the important work you do to promote patient health and safety by applying to become a Certified Medical Device Reprocessing Technician.

Enhance Your Credentials

The CMDRT program and designation provides a number of key benefits for professionals working in the sterile services industry:

- Elevates the profile of technicians, bringing attention to the important role they play in health care
- Contributes to increased career mobility and marketability
- Validates knowledge and skills for performing critical reprocessing procedures
- Helps to ensure job efficiency and accuracy
- Improves consistency of application of re-processing best practices
- Provides assurance for employers that their employees with the CMDRT certification possess the necessary skills and abilities set out by the leading experts in the industry

The CMDRT title ensures that you are ready for the challenges of this ever evolving field.



Background

Studies and events have highlighted the importance of effectively managing infection prevention and control within health care facilities. Canadian health care settings have identified that improper reprocessing of medical devices have exposed patients to serious illness. The health care industry needs assurance that individuals responsible for medical device reprocessing (cleaning, disinfection and sterilization) procedures have the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform this critical function.

CSA Group's CMDRT designation is the only certification designed and developed for personnel responsible for reprocessing reusable medical devices in Canada. This Canadian national certification conforms to Canadian Standards and Best Practices, and complements certifications in infection prevention & control, nursing and other related professions.

All of CSA Group's personnel certification programs are developed in compliance with the global benchmark for organizations operating personnel certification programs, the *ISO 17024* standard. *ISO 17024* outlines the required methods and procedures to help ensure objective and unbiased assessment of a candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities.

Certification prerequisites and fees

- High school graduate or equivalent (GED)
- Completion of a medical device reprocessing educational program
- Experience – minimum of 400 hours of practical hands-on experience *OR* 4000 hours of experience in the MDR field in the last 5 years

Application fee: \$68

Exam Fee: \$195

Potential candidates for CMDRT Designation?

Health Care employees with medical device reprocessing responsibilities including:

- Medical Device Reprocessing Technicians
- Laboratory Technicians
- Nurses
- Administrative Personnel
- Supervisors, Managers and Educators of Medical Device Reprocessing Departments
- Government/Public Health Inspectors
- Occupational Health & Safety



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Join CAMDR Leadership

Are you a CAMDR Member wanting to be more involved? Keep your eyes on your inbox for Board of Director nominations in February! We also have room on CAMDR committees, email info@camdr.ca for more information