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Membership Renewal 2017

CAMDR provides healthcare workers access to comprehensive & industry-leading development tools to promote quality excellence & advancement in the medical device reprocessing profession. We do count on & appreciate your support, every year, so that we can maintain our vision, mission & goals. Thank you for your support!

News from Western Canada - **By Samantha Shone & Nancy Aelick**

Hello from the West Coast of Canada!

It's been almost 6 months since the 2016 CAMDR conference in Toronto and we are roughly 18 months from the 2018 biennial conference in Halifax, NS. There were approximately 20 personnel from British Columbia, that attended the Toronto conference and we would like to double that number for the 2018 CAMDR conference in Halifax, NS. If you are a CAMDR member in the province of BC and are interested in group fundraising to attend the Halifax CAMDR Conference, we would very much like to help you organize your attendance to this conference. Feel free to contact Samantha (BC Provincial Advisor) directly at Samantha.shone@vch.ca. After the 2016 CAMDR Conference you should have received a user name and password to access the PowerPoint presentations on the CAMDR website. If you did not receive this email, please contact info@camdr.ca. We are currently revamping the CAMDR website to include more educational content and request your feedback! CAMDR is open to suggestions, so please provide any ideas you may have on what you would like to see on the website. Please send your comments to info@camdr.ca.

British Columbia MDRD News:

In the past year, we have had four sites in Vancouver (University of British Columbia, Lions Gate Hospital, St Paul's Hospital and Mount St Joseph's Hospital) go-live with the T-DOC instrument tracking system. This year, three more sites on Vancouver Island (Victoria General Hospital, Royal Jubilee Hospital and Nanaimo General Hospital) will also go-live with T-DOC instrument tracking. This is a very exciting time for these BC hospitals! In the Greater Vancouver Area, there are also 2 other sites using the same instrument tracking system, Vancouver General Hospital and Richmond Hospital. Since we have so many sites using the same system, we have formed a Regional Committee for T-DOC users. We have found this group to be beneficial to all, since our processes are similar and we can brainstorm, share ideas and build our network. Samantha is the co-chair of this regional group, so feel free to reach out if you have any questions about the system. The MDRD at the University of British Columbia Hospital has recently installed brand new instrument washers and a cart washer. With these new washers, they have moved towards paperless record keeping and the cycle data is directly logged into the instrument tracking system.

CSA Certification:

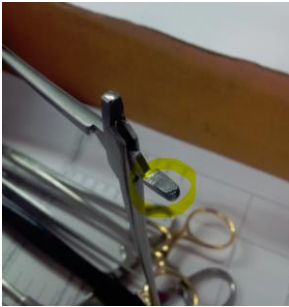
We would like to congratulate the 168 BC residents that have successfully taken the CMDRT exam and are currently CSA certified. Alberta has more than 500 CMDRT certified technicians, which makes BC 2nd in the country. However, this is a huge accomplishment for Western Canada and we want to thank and congratulate those who have taken these extra steps to challenge themselves and become certified. If you are interested in becoming certified, please visit the CSA website. www.csagroup.org

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 11-13, 2018

The third biennial CAMDR Conference, *Navigating the Tides of Medical Device Reprocessing*, will be held in Halifax, NS from October 11-13, 2018.

CAMDR members receive a discount on the conference registration fee. We encourage you to visit our website (www.CAMDR.ca) to become a member! More details about the conference will be posted to our website as they become available, so keep checking back!

Did you Know? Instrument Inspection Corner



A needle holder that requires new inserts



The tip of the needle holder is heated to a high temperature



The insert is filed down to match the curvature of the needle holder tip



The old inserts are removed and replaced with the new inserts

Upcoming Events

- **Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada - "Harnessing our Power"**
April 30-May 4, 2017 - Scotiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls, ON
- **8th EORNA Congress – "The Colossus of Perioperative Nursing"**
May 4-7, 2017 – Rodos Palace International Convention Centre, Rhodes, Greece
- **2017 IAHCMM Annual Conference & Expo – "Get Inspired Through Networking, Collaborating and Learning from Industry Leaders"**
May 7-10, 2017 - Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN
- **IPAC Canada 2017 National Education Conference**
June 18-21, 2017 – Delta Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI
- **MDRAO – "Measuring Success: Quality Assurance in Medical Device Reprocessing"**
September 10-12, 2017 – International Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre Toronto Airport, Toronto, ON

New Career Opportunities (www.camdr.ca)

- Part-Time Medical Device Reprocessing Technician SteriPro Canada – Mississauga, ON
- MDR Technicians for Emergency Response Team SteriPro Canada – Mississauga, ON

Contact Us

Tells us what's going on...Have an event or exciting news to share with us. Contact Nancy Aelick (Alberta Provincial Advisor) at Nancy.aelick@albertahealthservices.ca or Samantha Shone at Samantha.shone@vch.ca or info@camdr.ca.