



# CAMDR NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I draft this message, I am thinking back to our first national conference in Winnipeg where we held our first national conference! What a success to have so many MDR professionals support this new organization - CAMDR in sponsorship, partnership and membership! We thank each & everyone of you who have the insight to see how this association can provide you with the opportunity to keep on top of technology, network amongst our vendors and colleagues. CAMDR is in its 4th year!

One main goal for this year was education accessibility on the CAMDR website. I am pleased to advise that we are very close to finalizing this goal to provide all MDR professionals with access to online education required to keep current. Many thanks to our dedicated sponsors. We recently sent out a survey to obtain input from our members on pertinent topics for our third biennial conference in Halifax-Oct.11-14, 2018. Our theme -*Navigating the Tides of Medical Device Reprocessing!* We had great feedback and thanks to all those who participated!

MDR week is just around the corner -October 8-14, and I want to congratulate all MDR professionals for the service you provide across our nation. Please celebrate and acknowledge your colleagues and teams for the ongoing commitment to provide safe and quality service to our patients.

I also encourage you to remember to renew or bring in a member to expand our growth to include all MDR professionals. Check the website at [www.camdr.ca](http://www.camdr.ca)

**Merlee Steele-Rodway**

*President*

# NEW 2 year membership fee for \$80

**\* Renew by the end of 2017 for a chance to win a conference entry! \***

## SAVE THE DATE!

### AGM

**DATE: Oct 26th, 2017**

**TIME: 1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST)**

**Watch email for Agenda  
Dial In Information!**

## MDR WEEK

October 8 -14 is dedicated to the hard work and dedication of Medical Device Reprocessing Departments in Canada. CAMDR plans to celebrate our members and all they do every day. We encourage all to plan special events to further educate those around them in and outside of the hospital environment about the importance of what MDR professionals do daily. Open the doors to the MDR profession in any way you can to inform hospital staff and in turn patients of all endeavors in infection prevention, control and patient care. Remember to document how your department celebrates and please feel free to share photos and memories with CAMDR and we will highlight you and your department in our next newsletter! Simply email [info@camdr.ca](mailto:info@camdr.ca). Let's celebrate MDR and all you do!

## CONFERENCE CORNER

### FUNDRAISING IDEAS

*Want to come to the 2018 CAMDR Conference but not sure how to get there? Provincial Advisor, Becky White and the Nova Scotia Health Authority MDR professionals have some great ideas. Take their cue so you are sure not to miss this must attend event!*

- Bake sales, staff meals by donation
- Holiday gift baskets
- 50/50 draws
- Wine draw - everyone donates a bottle of wine (min. \$15.00) and each person pays \$10.00 to enter draw. Winner gets all of the wine and all of the donations go to the education fund.
- Local bingo where \$10.00 goes towards fundraiser team (3x per year)
- Our largest initiative is "Grand a Month" where 60 people pay \$25 a month. The last Friday of each month a winner is drawn and they receive \$1000.00, \$500.00 of which goes into the education fund. In one year alone that's \$6,000.00 going towards the education fund .



# PROVINCIAL ADVISOR

# REPORTS & BIOS

## BRITISH COLUMBIA *NEWS AT A GLANCE*

Since Feb 2017 Vancouver General Hospital, in an abundance of caution to avoid CRE patient infections that have occurred in many facilities across the United States, has been Ethylene Oxide (ETO) sterilizing their duodenoscopes used in ERCP procedures, and is currently trialing a new low temperature sterilization method using the STERIZONE VP4 sterilizer; a joint venture of TSO3 and Getinge. The trial began this fall and if successful, VGH will consider this sterilization method in addition to ETO.

In April 2017, the College for Physicians and Surgeons of BC launched an initiative called the Physician Office Medical Device Reprocessing Assessments ([POMDRA](#)). The purpose of this initiative is to support, educate and assess community-based physicians on the reprocessing of semi-critical and/or critical medical devices. This program is based on the requirements of the Ministry of [Health Best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and](#)

## SAMANTHA SHONE *PROVINCIAL ADVISOR*



Samantha Shone has been the CAMDR Provincial Advisor for British Columbia since 2015. Samantha's career in Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) started in 2006, when she completed the Medical Device Reprocessing Technician program offered through Vancouver Community College. Samantha worked in all areas of MDRD as a technician for 5 years at St Paul's Hospital. In 2010 Samantha became a Certified Medical Device Reprocessing Technician through the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). In 2011 she was hired to the position of MDR Coordinator at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) in the MDRD. That same year VGH MDRD started to use a tracking system called TDOC. Samantha was the lead Coordinator in setting up VGH and then again at UBC in 2016. She is currently the lead for the T-DOC regional committee, which includes

3 hospitals on Vancouver Island and 6 hospitals in the Greater Vancouver area.

In 2012 and 2013 Samantha volunteered at the Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda. She supported the MDR processes of an orthopedic trauma surgery team (USTOP) based out of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. In 2014 she co-authored an article titled "Sterile Reprocessing of Surgical Instruments in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A multi-center pilot study". This article was published in the 2015 *American Journal of Infection Control: Volume 43, Issue 11*. In 2016, she participated in CAMDR 2016 conference with a short presentation regarding database management, naming conventions and nomenclature.

Samantha's professional interests include streamlining manual processes by utilizing technology to be more efficient within MDRD and implementing new technologies to further advance effectiveness and efficiencies with the MDR department.

## **ALBERTA** NEWS AT A GLANCE

### **Alberta North Zone Cold Lake MDRT Annual Conference**

The North Zone conference was well attended with full delegate capacity. MDRT's travelled from across the Province to attend, with representation from McLennan, Calgary, Wainwright, Cold Lake, Edson, High Prairie, Athabasca, Red Deer, Slave Lake, Camrose, Bonnyville, Edmonton, Vermilion, Vegreville and Lac La Biche.

The Presentation topics were covered by fun entertaining and informative speakers, who also travelled a great distance to attend, from Vancouver, Winnipeg, Finland and Alberta. This years topics covered Terminology, ATP Testers, One Tray, The Medical Device Reprocessing Cycle and ISO 11607-2 - Recommendations for Sterile Processing with an interesting view point from a Scandinavian Hospital. With generous Vendor support, the entire conference was covered from registration costs to the fabulous buffet meal and many door prizes. The 2017 supporters include, Medline, Getinge, Valuemed, Zimmer Biomet, Stevens, Steris, 3M, Karl Storz, PriMed Canada, Inc. MediVogue and Surgical Product Specialties.



## NANCY AELICK *PROVINCIAL ADVISOR*

Nancy Aelick is the MDR Unit Manager at the University of Alberta Hospital where she has worked as an MDRT since 1989. She has served on MDRAO both provincially and within the chapter. Nancy is a current member of the CSA Technical Committee.

## SASKATCHEWAN *NEWS AT A GLANCE*

In October 2015 a Provincial MDR Advisory Group was formed in Saskatchewan as a forum for roundtable discussions, local issues and questions about practice. Terms of reference have been developed and currently 11 of the 13 SK health regions are represented on the advisory group. The group has achieved great success, including SBAR development and Toolkit for the reprocessing of Endocavity probes, review of Provincial Adverse Water Event document for water disruption in MDR, Provincial Guidance regarding the Reprocessing of Breast pumps – to be single patient use only under the right conditions while in Acute Care and many more exciting highlights.

All 13 regions in Saskatchewan will soon be amalgamated into the newly formed Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Provincial MDR Advisory Group is prepared to meet the challenges ahead.



## PATRICK QUINN *PROVINCIAL ADVISOR*

Patrick Quinn is the Provincial Advisor for Saskatchewan.

## MANITOBA *NEWS AT A GLANCE*

Manitoba is busy preparing for our **Biennial Manitoba Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) Workshop and Conference. Save the Date: October 13th and 14th, 2017.** The Conference will be held at the Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Conference Room #10. If you are traveling from afar, please book your room as soon as possible as there are a limited

number of blocked rooms for a reduced rate of \$119.00 per night.

The Biennial MDR Workshop and Conference commences October 13th, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided), with an Educational Seminar, "Reprocessing Essentials - Back to Basics", sponsored by Steris. The importance of preparing items for decontamination, sterilization, cart loading and other techniques will be discussed. We will also have some fun playing Team Jeopardy to test curriculum knowledge.

Please remember to register for the Steris Educational Seminar, "Reprocessing Essentials - Back to Basics" by email to: [antoiette\\_rockick@steris.com](mailto:antoiette_rockick@steris.com) no later than October 6th, 2017.

Directly following the "Back to Basics" Seminar, there will be a "Wine and Cheese" meet and greet from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will kick-start the Conference the next day with a hot breakfast following registration from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

On October 14th, we will discuss Code Grey, Reverse Osmosis (RO) water installations and failures, IP&C Endoscopy, and Bringing your "A" Game to Work and Life. Also, don't forget to visit vendor exhibits! Last, but not least are greetings from Merlee Steele-Rodway, President of CAMDR as well as a chance for you to win an exciting grand prize draw; one complimentary registration to the 2018 CAMDR conference in Halifax! You can't miss that!

Please make sure to register to attend the Biennial MDR Workshop and Conference, October 13th and 14th, 2017. Deadline to register for this conference is October 6th, 2017. For more information, please email [wzikman@wrha.mb.ca](mailto:wzikman@wrha.mb.ca).

## **DALYCE FREDETTE-PERCY** PROVINCIAL ADVISOR



Dalcyce Fredette-Percy has worked in the Perioperative field in Winnipeg, for over 40 years. She is currently the Nursing Manager of the Operating Room, Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Medical Device Reprocessing Department, Pre Admission Clinic, OR Slating and Same Day Surgery Unit at the Portage District General Hospital in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba where she currently works and resides for the past three years.

Dalcyce has been a member of the Regional Planning Committee for the Provincial Conferences/Workshops for the past seven years and is also a CAMDR member. She acted as a committee member on the CAMDR Planning Committee in which Winnipeg hosted the 2014 Inaugural National Conference.

In Québec there is a provincial association in medical devices reprocessing (AQRDM) since 35 years. The mission is to raise awareness of the national standards and best practices for the retraitement of medicals devices. Every year, during the two day conference we share the new techniques, technologies and our expertise.

-In 2004 the Cégep of Saint-Laurent developed a 990 hours course to train technicians for the medical devices reprocessing. There are now five Cegep who offers that formation in the province.

INSPQ (Institut national de santé public) created an expert committee called CERDM (Centre d'expertise en retraitement des dispositifs médicaux) to offer expertise for the health care centers and furthermore oversee and evaluate the incident/accident and follow up to find solutions.

Since last year, a week is dedicated to recognize the medical devices reprocessing departments staff in the health care centers.

### **JOSETTE FOREST** PROVINCIAL ADVISOR



I was teaching « Retraitement des Dispositifs Médicaux » at the Cegep Levis-Lauzon between 2008-2016. As per MSSS (Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux) request, I was involved in an expert committee for the evaluation of medical devices reprocessing departments in the province of Québec. In 2006 we submitted a final report to join the action plan for nosocomial infection for prevention and control in the province. I was also member of an expert committee for the evaluation of the province's private surgical clinics. I worked as head nurse for ten years at the MDRD (medical devices reprocessing department) and Day surgery at the CHUL (Centre Hospitalier de l'Université Laval) in Québec city before my retirement in 2005. Before that I worked 25 years in the Operating Room at different positions.

I am volunteer as Provincial Advisor since 2014. I am on the Board of AQRDM (Association Québécoise en Retraitement des Dispositifs Médicaux) since 2002.

In 2006 I was member of CSA expert committee to plan an evaluation of medical devices reprocessing departments.

I was on the CIISOQ's Board (Corporation des Infirmiers et Infirmières en salle d'opération du Québec) between 1992-1998, and I was on the ORNAC's Board, between 1994-1998.

## NEW BRUNSWICK *NEWS AT A GLANCE*

Horizon Health Network has another round of Accreditation in 2018. MDR Management in Horizon has been restructured to include a Director for the 4 areas of including Moncton, Miramichi, Fredericton, and Saint John. Each of these 4 sites have hired new MDR Managers in the last 14 months who are working together with the Director to improve efficiencies.

New Brunswick previously introduced a requirement that all Medical Device Reprocessing Technicians are required to have CSA certification. Existing employees are required to have a plan to certify once 4000 hours are reached. Any new employees are required to complete CSA approved education followed by CSA certification as soon as they are eligible.



### **DEBORAH PAGET** *PROVINCIAL ADVISOR*

Debbie starting working in healthcare 16 years ago and has worked in many departments including Health Records, Diagnostic Imaging and Surgery Program. She became the Manager of the Medical Device Reprocessing Departments in the Saint John Area for Horizon Health Network in June 2016. Debbie is working towards her Bachelor of Business Administration from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

## NOVA SCOTIA *NEWS AT A GLANCE*

In April 2015, the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) was established, replacing 9 district health authorities throughout the province. Within NSHA there are 17 MDRs; as well there are independent MDRs located at the IWK Health Centre, the universities and at private clinics. We have a provincial Medical Device Reprocessing Association in Nova Scotia known as MDRANS which held their Biennial General Meeting and Conference September 23-24, 2017 at the Oak Island Inn and Resort. The Nova Scotia Members of CAMDR look forward to extending our famous Nova Scotia hospitality when we host the 3rd Biennial CAMDR conference in October 2018. We look forward to showing off our beautiful Province in the fall. If you are interested in extending your stay in Nova Scotia, plan to take in the beautiful fall colors along the Cape Breton Cabot Trail, take a scenic drive along the south shore to Lunenburg, visit the famous light house at Peggy's Cove, take a stroll along the Halifax waterfront or visit the historic Citadel Hill. We will provide information about Halifax and Nova Scotia as well as a list of Nova Scotia attractions for folks to view prior to the conference. You can also explore what Nova Scotia has to offer by visiting [www.destinationhalifax.com](http://www.destinationhalifax.com) and [www.novascotia.com](http://www.novascotia.com).



## **REBECCA WHITE** *PROVINCIAL ADVISOR*

Rebecca has been a member of MDRANS for approximately 24 years and has held various executive positions including Secretary, Treasurer, 2 consecutive terms as President, and currently is the Past President.

## **NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR** *NEWS AT A GLANCE*

Hello from the Far East of the Western World - Newfoundland Labrador.

We had a wonderful summer in NL which we are always thankful for. Our summers are never a sure thing!

As summer now turns to fall, we start to shift our minds to new beginnings and fresh starts. At the Health Science Center in the capital city of St John's, we are about to experience a huge fresh start in MDR. A brand new state-of-the-art Decontamination area has been under construction since November 2016 and we are just weeks away from moving in. We are going from 1750 sqft to 3200 sqft! We will soon have all brand new reprocessing equipment including 4 washer/disinfectors with full automation for loading and unloading, 3 Cart Washers, brand new height adjustable sink stations, dedicated ante-room for contaminated cart drop off, and much more. Our sister site in St. John's, St Clare's Mercy Hospital is also getting new height adjustable sinks, new instrument washers and a new cart washer in the coming months. Eastern Health's 3 rural sites in Burin, Clarenville and Carbonear, have all received funding for height adjustable sinks as well and have added height adjustable worktables recently. Central Health have also installed height adjustable workstations in MDR. We are very excited to see these renovations and ergonomic improvements to provide a safer, more efficient work area for our front line technicians. We are really advancing our technology as well. Eastern Health's TDOC instrument tracking system is also undergoing a "renovation" of sorts. We have a team of Eastern Health IT specialists leading a project to enhance our TDOC system by launching new modules and interfacing it with the OR scheduling system as well as rolling it out to our remaining 3 sites currently not using TDOC. In Central Health, funding approval has just been received for an automated instrument tracking system for their region as well. Our Western Health region has had an automated instrument tracking system for a few years now. It's a very exciting time for the MDR staff and Management in NL to see technology expanding to allow us to provide the best possible service to the clinical areas we serve. We look forward to seeing everyone in NS for next year's conference for some East Coast hospitality!

## **MICHELLE DAVIS** PROVINCIAL ADVISOR



In 2003, Michelle started as Site Manager of Medical Device Reprocessing at the Health Science Center. She spent the next 7 years loving every day in such a fast-paced, exciting and incredibly important department that has such an impact on quality patient care. There were many changes in reprocessing through these years including new CSA Standards, new Accreditation Canada Standards, advancing technology and complexity of surgical equipment and implemented an automated instrument tracking system at the 2 city sites of Eastern Health during her tenure. In 2010, she moved into the newly created position of Regional Quality Manager for Medical Device Reprocessing. In September 2015, Michelle returned to Eastern Health's Health Sciences Centre as Site Manager and then in the summer of 2017, she was appointed to the position of Regional Business Manager. Although MDR is still part of her portfolio, and will always be close to her heart, she is now expanding into the Biomedical and Information Technology worlds as she manages contracts and tenders for these programs as well as for MDR.

She sits on the Eastern Health Product Quality and Safety committee, Clinical Standards and Safety Committee as well as numerous other committees related to quality and safe patient care. She has attended many conferences over the years including IAHCSSM, CSA, CAMDR and CSAO. She presented at the 2016 CAMDR conference in Toronto on Eastern Health's experience during their Code Grey sterilization event in the spring of 2016. She completed the Central Service Technician course from Purdue University and is Certified in Endoscope Reprocessing by Olympus. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Memorial University.

Look out for reports and bios from Thelma Floyd (Yukon) and Sherryl Merritt (Ontario) in our next newsletter!

**PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MDR COLLEAGUES!**