



Practice Standard

Needle Authorization

Purpose

The Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists (ACMDTT) is mandated by government to regulate the professions of medical radiation technologists (MRTs) and electroneurophysiology technologists (ENPs).

Accordingly, the College outlines specific standards relevant to the practice of the medical diagnostic and therapeutic technologist professions.

The purpose of a Practice Standard is:

- To outline for MRTs and ENPs, employers and the public the standards required for additional and enhanced practice authorizations
- To help identify areas of practice for MRTs and ENPs that require additional or enhanced practice authorizations
- To assist employers to use MRTs and ENPs to the full scope of their practice

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Electroneurophysiology technologists who have completed advanced training approved by Council may be authorized by the Registrar to use needle electrodes.

Electroneurophysiology technologists, when utilizing these electrodes, are authorized to perform the restricted activity of cutting a body tissue or administering anything by an invasive procedure on body tissue for the purpose of using needle electrodes.

The College will assess an individual's initial and renewal application for the practice condition of Needle Authorization on their practice permit, by ensuring compliance with all of the following:

1. Confirmation of successful completion the Alberta Health Services' Subdermal Needle Insertion Training Program
2. Annual confirmation the applicant has maintained competence in performing the additional restricted activities for renewal of authorization

An electroneurophysiology technologist is not permitted to utilize needle electrodes without this authorization.

References

Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists Profession Regulation (AR 61/2005)

ACMDTT. (2009). *Additional Authorization* (GP 14.12).