



**New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists  
Association des technologues en radiation médicale du Nouveau Brunswick**

## **Position Statement on Breast Screening Services**

The New Brunswick Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (NBAMRT) believes that:

WHEREAS breast cancer is a devastating illness, both to the people who suffer from the disease and their families;

WHEREAS early detection has been scientifically proven to increase the likelihood that effective treatment can be provided;

WHEREAS Canada has the second-highest incidence of breast cancer among women, and;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Department of Health is moving to pro-actively address this issue by establishing a provincial breast-screening program;

The health and well-being of women in New Brunswick would be further promoted and protected by:

- Ensuring that women undergoing breast screening or monitoring receive compassionate, high-quality care from Medical Radiation Technologists certified and registered with the CAMRT and the NBAMRT.
- Assuring that the quality of mammography examinations and other screening, monitoring and education services is maintained and enhanced by requiring that Medical Radiation Technologists practising in this field successfully complete the CAMRT education program in Mammography and encouraging them to pursue other related continuing education and professional development opportunities;
- Addressing the needs for consistent, accurate information in the diagnosis and treatment of this illness by enabling qualified Medical Radiation Technologists to educate and advise patients about screening programs, breast self-examination, radiographic procedures, and follow-up procedures;
- Taking a collaborative approach among health care professionals, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, and other public health or cancer support groups to combat breast cancer and advising the public of this joint commitment;
- Helping to increase women's awareness about the importance and availability of screening programs and about breast self-examination through the collaborative development and timely distribution of factual public information.