

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Following our very successful annual conference in September 2013, the IDCA elected a new Board of Directors for the coming year (a complete list of our board members can be found below). Our board members bring a wealth of experience from a variety of diagnostic service modalities. We strongly encourage those IDCA members wishing to become involved or to volunteer their time, to step forward. From time-to-time, there are specific initiatives and committees that require expertise from the field. Interested members are invited to contact a board member directly, or send a message through the IDCA website.

Some content for this newsletter has been contributed directly by the CPSO, MoH IHF Program and MoH Specialty Clinics Program. Their participation demonstrates their recognition of the significant role that the IDCA plays within the IHF sector. Moving forward, we anticipate having regular contributions from various stakeholders. If there are particular subjects or individuals you would like to hear from or about, please let us know and we will do our best to get that information.

Finally, we would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Sandy Nuttall, Director, Diagnostic Services and Planning. Sandy retired at the end of December 2013 from public service. Sandy was a tremendous supporter of the IHF sector and of the IDCA. She made herself available and encouraged her colleagues to use the IDCA as a resource for policy development and implementation. At the same time, we welcome Director Pauline Ryan and her team and trust that they are equally enthusiastic about our sector. You will find a complete list of contact information for Ministry IHF staff in the newsletter.

Board Members:

**Gerald Hartman**, *President IDCA*

**Glenn Kayama**, *Danforth Main Medical Diagnostics Ltd.*

**Igal Holtzer**, *Dialysis Management Clinics*

**Colleen Taylor**, *True North Imaging*

**Jason Reaney**, *MyHealth Centre*

## Heads Up...

### Equipment Lifecycle Guidance

The Canadian Association of Radiologists has issued a Lifecycle Guidance for Medical Imaging Equipment in Canada document to help determine when and under what conditions selected medical imaging devices should be considered for replacement, upgrading, and the introduction of new/emerging technologies. The information provides process tools to assess and prioritize equipment and assistance in developing a five-year equipment strategic plan to augment and assist planning.

The summary report may be found at:

<http://www.car.ca/uploads/standards%20guidelines/CAR-LifecycleGuidance-Summary-e-20131127.pdf>

The full report may be accessed via a link at: [www.idca.ca](http://www.idca.ca)

### New Deputy Minister of Health

Helen Angus has been named the interim Deputy Minister of Health and Long-term Care, effective January 6, 2014.

Ms. Angus has been Associate Deputy Minister since May 2012 and is well respected for her extensive leadership experience and customer-focused results.

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## Ontario Temporary Health Program for Refugees

As of January 1, 2014, the Ontario Temporary Health Program (OTHP) for refugee claimants is in effect, administered by Medavie Blue Cross. There is a three-month wait period for most claimants.

OTHP provides interim urgent and essential health care coverage in a hospital, primary and specialist care, laboratory and diagnostic services as well as medication coverage to eligible claimants.

The claims process, eligibility information, consent form and benefit grid are available at [www.idca.ca](http://www.idca.ca).

## Relocation Policy Updates in Effect

As of January 1, 2014, several changes to the Relocation Policy affect IHFs. For example, LHINs are to be contacted instead of hospitals in cases in which a proposed relocation is within an identified distance of a community hospital.

Also, only the revised relocation application may be used and licensees cannot relocate until they have received the IHFP Director's written approval.

For more details, visit [www.idca.ca](http://www.idca.ca).

## CARDUP and CSDMS Merge

As of January 1, 2014, Sonography Canada / Échographie Canada is officially the single national organization working on behalf of Canadian sonographers and supporting the profession of

sonography in Canada. Current member registration cards remain in effect until April 30, 2014, for the Canadian Association of Registered Diagnostic Ultrasound Professionals (CARDUP) and the Canadian Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (CSDMS).

## Changes to Sonography Practice Proficiencies

To clarify the entry practice proficiencies of a CARDUP Generalist Sonographer and the CARDUP Vascular Sonographer, qualifications have been issued. A detailed proficiency chart is provided at [www.idca.ca](http://www.idca.ca) but in summary, an entry-level sonographer:

- Performs relevant competencies in a manner consistent with generally accepted standards in the profession, independently, and within a reasonable timeframe in routine situations.
- Anticipates what outcomes to expect in a given situation, and responds appropriately, selecting and performing competencies in an informed manner.
- Recognizes unusual, difficult to resolve and complex situations which may be beyond her/his capacity.
- Takes appropriate and ethical steps to address these situations, which may include consulting with others, seeking supervision or mentorship, reviewing literature or documentation, or referring the situation to a more experienced sonographer.

### Conference Presentations Available

If you missed the IDCA's 2013 fall conference, you may listen to the audio recordings and view the slide presentations by each speaker at [www.idca.ca](http://www.idca.ca).

## Community-Based Specialty Clinics Overview

From Pearl Ing, Director, Projects Unit, Negotiations & Accountability Management Division, MOHLTC.

On December 17, 2013 the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care announced that Ontario is establishing non-profit community-based specialty clinics, starting with cataract and colonoscopy procedures. These clinics will offer select OHIP-insured, low-risk routine procedures that do not require an overnight hospital stay. Moving low-risk routine procedures from hospitals to community-based specialty clinics will help improve the overall patient experience while resulting in better value for taxpayers. The News Release is available at:

<http://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2013/12/improving-access-to-routine-health-procedures.html>

Community-based specialty clinics operate under existing legislation and quality assurance frameworks that ensure quality, oversight, and accountability. Specialty clinics will fall into two categories:

1. A public hospital-based ambulatory care centre that operates under the *Public Hospitals Act*.
2. A non-profit Independent Health Facility licensed under the *Independent Health Facilities Act*.

A new policy guide outlining eligibility criteria and standards for the clinics is now available at: [www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ihf/specialtyclinics/docs/community-based\\_specialty\\_clinics\\_policy\\_guide.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ihf/specialtyclinics/docs/community-based_specialty_clinics_policy_guide.pdf)

Health care providers will be able to apply to provide services under the new model starting in early 2014.

More information about the community-based specialty clinics initiative is available through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's website at: [www.ontario.ca/specialtyclinics](http://www.ontario.ca/specialtyclinics).

## **MOHLTC IHF Program Shares Changes**

*The New Year Brings a New Location.*

Effective January 2, 2014, the Independent Health Facilities Program (IHFP) at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is moving from its present location at 2-49 Place D'Armes, Kingston to:

**Health Services Branch  
370 Select Drive, Kingston ON  
K7M 8T4**

The move comes as the result of a reorganization coinciding with the retirement of Sandy Nuttall as Director, Diagnostic Services and Planning Branch. Pauline Ryan, Director, Health Services Branch, was appointed Director of IHFP effective November 18, 2013. IHF will now report into Bev Lyman, Senior Manager, OHIP Eligibility Programs/IHFP Program. Nora Peterson will continue in her role as Program Manager and will now report directly to Bev.

The phone numbers, email addresses, and fax number are not changing. Mail sent to 49 Place D'Armes will be forwarded to our new address but, as always, it is preferable if correspondence is sent to the new address.

### **Key Contacts and Some of their Key Responsibilities:**

**Bev Lyman** - Senior Manager, OHIP Eligibility Programs and the IHF Program - 613-536-3123

**Nora Peterson** - Program Manager, IHF Program - 613-547-1912

**Sharon Lusk** - Quality Assurance and Inspection, Quality Advisor Updates 613-548-6248

**Debbie Byers**  
Licensing, Non-ambulatory Renewals, Transfers, Physician Affiliations 613-548-6265

**Margo Gould** - Expansions, Mobile facilities, Ambulatory Renewals, Share Transfers - 613-548-6476

**Leanne Palilonis** - PET, QA Policy, Mobile Services, Ambulatory Clinics 613-548-6730

**Renee LeClair**  
Digital Readiness Special Grant Program, Ambulatory Clinics 613-548-6719

### **Other Important Information:**

General Inquiry: 613-548-6637

General E-mail account:

**IHFP@ontario.ca**

Fax: 613-548-6734

Digital Readiness Special Grant E-mail: **IHF EQUIPMENT@ontario.ca**

Website: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/ihf/default.aspx>

*If you submitted correspondence/documentation by mail to the 49 Place D'Armes address close to January 2, 2014, it is recommended that you contact the IHF Program at one of the phone numbers above to ensure receipt of the materials.*

The New Year brings new and exciting opportunities for the IHF Program.

## **Reminder from CPSO - Submit Annual Fee Payment**

If you have not already submitted your annual fee payment to the CPSO for the Independent Health Facilities Program, your account is now past due. Invoices were mailed to IHF licensees on November 1, 2013 with a due date of December 1, 2013.

The invoice is for the 2013 annual fee used to support the IHF program at the College. As the owner/operator of the facility, you are responsible for paying the fee. If you have any questions regarding the IHF Fee please visit the following link: <http://www.cpso.on.ca/CPSO/media/documents/IHF/IHF-annual-fees-FAQs.pdf>

### **New IHF fees for 2013-2014**

After review by an external consulting company, as well as consultation with the public and members,

Council has set the IHF annual fees for 2013-2014. They are effective as of November 1, 2013. The change is retroactive to April 1, 2013, the start of the MOHLTC fiscal year.

The invoice reflects the period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

**Please note that College by-laws provide the ability to levy penalties and charge interest on accounts that are past due.**

To avoid incurring penalties and interest charges, please ensure that payment of any outstanding invoice

is received by the College no later than 5pm on Friday, January 31, 2014. Please note that we are unable to accept payment by credit card over the telephone.

If you have any questions regarding the fee structure or the program in general, please contact the College using the information below:

Physician Advisory Service  
Phone:  
**(416) 967-2600 ext. 606**

Toll-Free (Canada Only):  
**1-800-268-7096 ext. 606**

Facility Type	Average Admin Costs	Average Assessment Costs	2013 Annual Fee
Diagnostic	\$1,208	\$472	\$1,680
Sleep Medicine	\$1,209	\$781	\$1,990
Ambulatory (plastic surgery, abortion clinics)	\$1,209	\$501	\$1,710
Ophthalmic ultrasound/basic PFT	\$585	\$20	\$605

## APPLICATION FOR OWNER OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION A: FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Owner, Operator</b>	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
<b>Name of Applicant</b>	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
<b>Clinic Address</b> (Please attach address list of all facility locations, if more than one)	Street Address		City
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Telephone		Facsimile
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>			
<b>Types of Services</b> (by facility if specific locations offer different services):			
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### SECTION B: MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Enclosed with my application is my membership fee in the amount of:  
(please check one of the appropriate boxes and attach address list of all facility locations)

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|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|---|
| Member:           | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$350   | 1-2 Clinics                                 |
| (Owner/Operator)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$750   | 3-5 Clinics                                 |
|                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$1,250 | 6-9 Clinics                                 |
|                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$2,500 | 10-29 Clinics                               |
|                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$5,000 | 30+ Clinics                                 |
| Associate Member: | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$50    | Clinic Employee e.g. technologist or Vendor |

I am available to participate on working committees of IDCA

Yes       No

### SECTION C: SIGNATORY

Please sign and print your name clearly, along with your position and the date.

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Signature

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Please Print Name

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Position

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Date

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