

Regulation of Medical Laboratory Assistants/Technicians (MLA/Ts)

Position Statement

The Medical Laboratory Professionals' Association of Ontario supports the regulation of all health care professionals who directly impact patient care, and therefore supports the regulation of Medical Laboratory Assistants/Technicians (MLA/Ts) in the province of Ontario to ensure patient safety.

Information

- The role of the MLA/T has significant impact on patient care, and that role is expanding in clinical laboratory practice.
- The purpose of regulating a health professional group is to serve and protect the public through ensuring that health professionals provide services in a safe, professional, and ethical manner.
- Regulation sets the standards of practice and ethical conduct for members and defines the criteria for certification and training. It defines the skills that members must possess and ensures that they undertake activities within their scope of practice.
- In an MLPAO member survey conducted in August 2021, 66% of survey respondents indicated that Medical Laboratory Assistant/Technician should be a regulated profession.

The regulation of MLA/Ts will provide the public with assurance of competent, knowledgeable, and skilled health care providers.