



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Medical Device Reprocessing (CAMDR-ACRDM), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2020 CAMDR Annual General Meeting. In many ways this year presented us with a number of unique challenges that we managed to turn into opportunities, including the continued expansion of our membership, the addition of new education modules on our website, a number of learning opportunities via webinars, a shift to a virtual presence for our upcoming conference and the finalization of our strategic plan.

COVID-19 impacted the way we work, shop, travel and learn. Educational opportunities afforded by in-person sessions and in-services were constrained yet the desire to keep up-to-date and improve competency levels has never been stronger. Thanks to the incredible support of our platinum sponsors, and the hard work and dedication of our Education Committee, new education models were added to the CAMDR website providing our members with hours of learning opportunities and skills improvement. This is evidenced by the hundreds of members taking advantage of our members only web page.

Paramount for CAMDR is providing education for its members and engaging the Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) community, both MDR staff and our vendor supports, in a collaborative learning experience. This passion for the sharing of knowledge has led us to the creation of both live and recorded webinars, for CAMDR members and non-members alike. With our inaugural webinar's success several months ago that attracted several hundred participants, it was clear to us that under the current environment brought on by the global pandemic, this platform was an important tool for us. Since then we have had a number of webinars and have enhanced our online technology to adapt to this ever-increasing demand for virtual learning.

As was the case with many industries across the country, our planned in-person conference for 2020 in Edmonton had to be canceled due to the strict but necessary restrictions initiated by the Provincial Health Officer of Alberta. Due to the extraordinary outpouring of support by our vendor community, we were able to shift gears and plan for a virtual conference for February 25-28, 2021 "Drilling Down to Basics and Rising to the Challenge". We are excited to provide this conference, free of charge to all CAMDR members, with exciting speakers, expert panel discussions, and an incredible vendor expo!

Lastly, we've finalized our 5-year Strategic Plan for 2019-2024, and have managed to attain much of what we had set out to accomplish under the 4 key categories including the promotion of CAMDR, the growth of our membership, the strengthening of our association and partnerships, and our push for MDR to be a recognized profession through certification. We look forward to enhancing this plan over the months and years to come.

As my two year term as your CAMDR President comes to an end I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide leadership and guidance to this incredible association. Through this position I have met some amazing people, including CAMDR members, vendor representatives, and those in partnered associations who have all been so very supportive and collaborative. I've had the pleasure of working with CAMDR's Board of Directors, Provincial Advisors and our Management Team who have done an amazing job in the operation of the association, and have dedicated countless hours to ensure CAMDR continues to provide to grow and thrive. A special thanks to our Past-President, Merlee Steele-Rodway, for her patience and guidance over the past two years, and to Dalyce Fredette-Percy, your incoming President, for her support and dedication as she leads the association through to 2024. CAMDR is in very good hands.



Sincerely,

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President, CAMDR