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Prenatal Screening Ontario (PSO), a program housed within the Better Outcomes Registry and Network (BORN) Ontario, has been given the mandate to coordinate prenatal screening in the province including the quality assurance of nuchal translucency ultrasound and first trimester screening.

Guided by BORN Ontario data and a panel of experts in diagnostic imaging and prenatal screening, PSO is implementing a NTQA program for Ontario that is:

- Re-defining the requirements for obtaining and maintaining NT certification in Ontario
- Establishing a framework for communicating with the imaging community concerning NT measurement performance

There are two vital tools used to assess NT measurement performance:

- personalized NT performance distribution audits
- NT images audits

As PSO implements the NTQA program, we are supporting NT certified scanners in their practice by using these tools to assess their NT measurement performance and provide them with actionable feedback to help them improve and/or maintain their skills.

CURRENT NEWS

Registration

Thank you for registering with the Ontario NTQA program by establishing a profile in the BORN Information System (BIS)!

We are excited to report that we have approximately 1400 NT certified scanners (i.e., sonographers and physicians) registered in our system.

Access to the BIS allows scanners to view their personalized NT performance distributions. These distributions give scanners insight into their scanning habits, informing their practice and ultimately improving their NT measurement performance.

Please encourage any unregistered NT certified sonographers or physicians in Ontario to register with the NTQA program at PSO and BORN Ontario.

Failure to register may result in scanners missing important information required to keep their NT ID numbers active.

Also, please make sure to keep the personal contact information (i.e., email address and phone number/direct extension) in your BIS profile up-to-date. This will allow us to communicate effectively with you concerning changes to the NT requirements in Ontario.

NT Ultrasound Landscape Survey

We are currently taking an in-depth look at the NT ultrasound landscape in Ontario to help us make informed changes to the requirements for obtaining and maintaining NT certification in the province.

We would love to hear from you about your current NT practice!

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the following survey.

Deadline to have your voice heard: September 26, 2019

We welcome all constructive insights and opinions that you have concerning your NT practice and the developing NTQA program in Ontario. If you have thoughts to share that are not addressed in this survey, please email them to PSO@bornontario.ca.

[NT Ultrasound Landscape Survey](#)

Prenatal Screening Ontario's New Website

We are excited to announce the launch of Prenatal Screening Ontario's new website!

<https://www.prenatalscreeningontario.ca>

This website is now a vital source of prenatal screening information for patients and practitioners.

Please check out the "[For Sonographers](#)" section for detailed information on the following topics:

- NT Registration (e.g., with the Ontario MMS labs and with PSO at BORN Ontario)
- NT Quality Assurance (e.g., requirements for maintaining your certification)
- Logging in to the BORN Information System (e.g., step-by-step instructions for updating your personal contact details and viewing your personalized NT performance distribution)

Coming Soon

- NT Ultrasound Resources and Point-of-Care Tools
- NTQA Updates News Feed

Take a tour and tell us what you think by writing to PSO@bornontario.ca. Your feedback is important to us!

Current and Future Program Expectations

Expectations for NT certified scanners in 2019

- Register with PSO at BORN Ontario and log in to the BORN Information System
- Update your contact details and view your personalized NT performance distribution
- Review proper NT image protocol established by the Fetal Medicine Foundation
- Do not share your NT ID number
- Regularly check the PSO website to stay up-to-date on the changes coming to NTQA

Future Expectations

Please regularly check your inbox and the PSO website for communications concerning developments in the NTQA program and the changes we are making to NT certification in Ontario.

You will be hearing from us very soon!



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Conference and Event Centre**

BORN is hosting a 2-day conference for health-care providers, administrators, policy makers, researchers, and students.

For more information and/or to register, please visit the following link: <https://www.bornontario.ca/en/whats-happening/2019-conference.aspx>

Can't wait to see you there!



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