

## SURVEYS UNDER WAY

We are currently conducting several surveys with members of the APTS locals.



### RADIOLOGY

We have asked several representatives of this sector to send us the waiting lists and times for certain examinations. In addition, we have gathered information concerning the implementation of solutions aimed at shortening those waiting lists and have asked for an official meeting with the Minister of Health and Social Services (MSSS) so that we may discuss these issues with him.

### AUDIOLOGY

Audits have been carried out to determine the vacant positions in this sector and these will be checked against the Ministry's data on work force planning.

### NUCLEAR MEDICINE

Following our demands to the MSSS and in order to officially declare a nuclear medicine technologist shortage, information has been gathered from these professionals so that we may have a true picture of the waiting lists, vacant positions and overtime worked.

### MEDICAL ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY

In an effort to increase our knowledge for the needs for this sector, information has been gathered from these technicians. This information will help us develop sound arguments which we will then present to the MSSS to exemplify the work force shortages and the critical needs of this sector.

### LABORATORIES

We are currently gathering information that will, amongst other things, help us deal with the work force shortage.

### PSYCHOLOGY

This last survey aims, among other things, to identify which diplomas have been obtained and the difficulties in recruiting and retaining psychologists.

We thank you for your collaboration. The information we gather will be invaluable in helping us prepare our arguments. Without this information and your cooperation, it would be difficult to explain the challenges you face in the field. Once again, we thank you!

## PROMOTION OF PROFESSIONS

We launched our **PROMOTION OF PROFESSIONS** campaign during the spring 2009 APTS General Council. These promotional pamphlets are now available to medical technologists, cytologists, medical imagery technologists (radio-diagnostic, nuclear medicine, radiation oncology) and medical electrophysiology technicians.

Members of the diagnostics group use these tools to raise their clientele's awareness of their professions. Have these tools helped you out? We invite you to share your story with us at the following address: [ilegault@aptsq.com](mailto:ilegault@aptsq.com). Your comments will be posted in our next bulletin, Information on the professional groups' file.

We will also be promoting other rehabilitation job titles, in the psychosocial, nutrition, prevention and clinical support fields.



## BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE TECHNICIANS



The working committee held a meeting last April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the position of biomedical engineering technician. After examining the question closely, it was decided that a larger meeting should be held and would include occupational hygienists, a group that has experienced the same problems. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the follow-up meeting was held in Québec, and was attended by a Biomedical Engineering Technicians and an Industrial Hygiene Technicians from every institution represented by the APTS. The situation was described and our group then held a manifestation in front of the offices of the Treasury Board to denounce their refusal to adjust the pay scale of these salaried workers. Despite the fact that the pay equity exercise stipulates that the value of their work corresponds to a higher salary scale, the Treasury Board refuses to increase their wages.



## MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION

Over the past few weeks, the APTS has met with the opposition's health critics: Mr Bernard Drainville of the Parti québécois, Mr Éric Caire of the Action démocratique du Québec and Mr Amir Khadir of Québec solidaire. During these meetings, we were able to inform them of the work force shortages we are experiencing in several fields we represent, our worries pertaining to medical imagery waiting lists and our concerns over Bill 34 (Act to amend several legislative dispositions concerning specialized medical centres and general medical imagery laboratories) and Bill 21 (Act to amend the Code of professions and other legislative dispositions in the fields of Mental Health and Human Resources).



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