

Meet Ontario's RDTs



Members of the College of Dental Technologists of Ontario are committed to providing quality services to dentists, other regulated health practitioners and their patients in a safe, ethical and professional manner. RDTs take great pride in producing dental appliances of high standards requiring technical knowledge, skill and artistic creativity.

They are trained and knowledgeable in:

- The anatomy and physiology of the oral and facial environment;
- The physical and chemical characteristics of materials used for dental appliances;
- The techniques and procedures necessary for the design, fabrication, modification and repair of dental prosthetic, restorative and orthodontic devices;
- The physiological functioning of these devices in the mouth.

Their work is highly technical in the application of their knowledge, and also creative in the aspects of color and design.

For more information on the practice standards for RDTs please visit our website:

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*No smile
Too small*



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THE FACE BEHIND
THE SMILE



*Meet the people
who create the smiles*

The face of Ontario's Dental Technologists



RDTs Make It Happen

Behind the smiles and behind the scenes, Ontario's Registered Dental Technologists (RDTs) fabricate the crowns, bridges, complete and partial dentures, orthodontics, implants, and many other dental devices.

RDTs are regulated health-care professionals trained and dedicated to bringing a smile to every face in need of their services. In order to become a qualified RDT, individuals must complete a three year post-secondary education program, and then write the qualifying examination to be a member of the College of Dental Technologists of Ontario. Only members of the College are allowed to use the restricted title, "RDT" or "Registered Dental Technologist".

To maintain their RDT status, members must adhere to the College's practice standards and guidelines, along with ensuring their continued competence through the Quality Assurance program.

Registered Dental Technologists in Ontario are fully responsible and accountable for the dental appliances they produce, along with the ones produced under their supervision.

What is The College of Dental Technologists of Ontario (CDTO)?

The CDTO is the governing body established by provincial legislation to regulate those who practice dental technology in Ontario. Its mandate is to serve and protect the public interest through providing leadership and setting quality standards through self-regulation for Registered Dental Technologists of Ontario.

The CDTO fulfills its mandate to protect the public interest in a variety of ways. For example, it ensures that individuals seeking registration to practice dental technology in Ontario meet specific education and qualification requirements.

The CDTO also sets standards and guidelines for conduct and practice, ensuring the continuing competency of all RDTs.

To determine whether an individual is registered with the CDTO and is qualified to practice, or if you have concerns about a specific RDT, contact the CDTO directly at 416-438-5003 or visit www.cdto.ca.

Who are Ontario's Dental Technologists?

RDTs are regulated health-care professionals whose scope of practice includes the design, construction, repair and alteration of dental prosthetic, restorative or orthodontic devices. These devices include crowns, bridges, complete and partial dentures, orthodontics, implants and other dental appliances prescribed by dentists or other regulated health practitioners to replace or enhance their patients' teeth. RDTs also supervise the technical aspects of dental laboratory operation.

Regulated under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, 1991 and the *Dental Technology Act*, 1991, a dental technologist is sometimes referred to as an "RDT" or "Registered Dental Technologist". In Ontario, it is illegal for anyone other than a dental technologist who is registered with the CDTO to use these titles.

Where do RDTs practice?

RDTs usually work in stand-alone laboratories that only make or repair dental appliances, although some do work in offices where other health care professional such as dentists practice. Others work in institutions such as universities, colleges and hospitals that offer dental technology services.

How do RDT's Know What Dental Appliance(s) to Make?

Your dentist or other oral health care provider will send the RDT a prescription for the necessary dental appliance. If impressions were taken, they will be forwarded to the RDT as well. The RDT will then design, fabricate or repair the dental prosthesis or appliance according to the prescription and/or impression(s).

It is normally up to the supervising RDT to interpret the prescription and determine the design and technical requirements for a given prosthesis. The supervising RDT will also determine the shape, structure, contour and materials necessary for the production process.

Want to know more?

If you have questions about the regulation of Dental Technologists such as registration requirements or relevant legislation, visit our web-site or contact us by phone, fax or email.

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