

# Professional development for the medical technology industry

Ongoing professional development is essential to developing and maintaining a knowledgeable and sustainable medical technology workforce. Industry employees require up to date knowledge, skills and understanding to deliver positive outcomes in the ever complex and changing healthcare environment.

MTAA provides practical, quality professional development opportunities that support the industry's ongoing needs. Participating in the MTAA professional development program will foster excellence and provide ongoing opportunities to better enable and sustain the workforce. Learning pathways help to identify current and future professional development directions.

The programs and initiatives provided by MTAA aim to:

- deliver comprehensive medical technology industry information, education and training opportunities;
- provide opportunities for ongoing dialogue on issues of shared concern;
- promote the exchange of ideas and approaches;
- establish systems for networking that are sustainable;
- develop strategies to support the contexts and settings in which medical technology professionals work, strategically aligning to specific needs;
- provide a conduit for the introduction of policies and initiatives; and
- establish networks that can take advantage of collective learning.

## Training

Using a blended learning approach of face-to-face and online training delivery, modules in the following courses are available.

### 1.0 Medical Technology Regulation & Clinical Activities

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) regulates the supply of therapeutic goods in Australia, including medical technology. Before a sponsor can supply items, the TGA must grant an approval and enter the product in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG).

### 2.0 MTAA/MTANZ Code of Practice

The MTAA/MTANZ Code of Practice is self regulated by industry and provides guidance on the relationships with healthcare professionals and consumers.

It is a requirement of the Code that all member company staff engaged in direct interactions with healthcare professionals, or those who are involved in promotional activities complete Association approved Code training.

### 3.0 Working with Healthcare Professionals

Medical technology industry personnel often need to work directly with healthcare professionals. Effective communication skills; and an understanding the ACORN Standards by visitors to the perioperative environment are recommended.

### 4.0 Reimbursement of Medical Technology

The medical technology industry makes a highly significant contribution to the quality of healthcare in Australia. Reimbursement in Australia is complicated and occurs in many forms. Some processes are interrelated, while others are stand alone schemes.

### 5.0 Workforce Development

Workforce development is seen as critical to enable employees to meet the constant challenges of the industry and to address the strategic goals of the company.

### 6.0 Commercial Practices

Better commercial practices that support the work of medical technology companies are an important element of the industry.

## Education

MTAA has developed a range of resources to support the education of future, newly qualified and current medical technology industry personnel.

1. Post-graduate Course Directory - a searchable database of post-graduate courses relevant to the industry.
2. Intern Scholarships - member companies offering projects to be completed by university students.
3. Undergraduate Course Directory - a searchable database of undergraduate courses relevant to the industry.
4. Workplace Learning Directory - a list of member companies offering secondary and tertiary student work placements.

## Information Sharing

MTAA schedules events to share current and relevant information to the industry.

1. CEO Forums - an opportunity for MTAA member senior executives to discuss high level key issues of relevance.
2. MedTech Seminars - opportunities for industry employees to come together and discuss relevant operational issues.
3. Webytes - a free, member only series of online seminars using web conferencing technology to deliver short presentations about topics of interest.
4. Annual Conference
5. Virtual Library - an online library of prominent documents relevant to industry.

## Contact details

For more information go to [www.mtaa.org.au](http://www.mtaa.org.au) or contact the MTAA Professional Development Manager.

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## Registration

All events offered for a fee must be paid for using a credit card via the online registration system.

Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) is the national association representing companies in the medical technology industry. MTAA aims to ensure the benefits of modern, innovative and reliable medical technology are delivered to the community for a healthier Australia

**Medical technology for a healthier Australia**