

What's It All About?

Welcome to the Hot Spot Review created by the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS). Strategic planning has brought forth a wind of change for our profession - one that says we should be bolder, voicing our informed opinions loudly and clearly alongside other health professions more than ever before. Your unique experience and expertise are valuable for patients and professionals alike. Let's remind our nation of that accomplishment!

CSMLS has heard that members feel disconnected from some of the important health care trends and discussions. The location of the lab can be disconnecting from the hustle and bustle of such conversations. But, at CSMLS, we want to motivate you to get into and ahead of such conversations. We stand beside your grassroots efforts and get your opinion heard. Together we can advocate for our profession as part of the larger conversation.

In an effort to grab a sneak peek of members' opinions and help inform the creation of trend-related knowledge products, research and services to meet your needs, CSMLS birthed the Hot Spot Review in 2018. And she is a beautiful baby...

The Hot Spot Review is a survey released every couple of months on a designated trending health care topic related to our profession. Sometimes the profession connection is obvious and in other cases, it will be a little more indirect. Either way, there is an important connection to be made.

We don't want to collect opinions and leave you hanging as we determine how to best use the information. In fact, it could be possible that your opinions tell us we don't need to do anything! At the very least, after each survey, we will create a perspective article and gather resources (relevant information, tools, quotes, etc.) to share with CSMLS members on each topic.

What can you do? We hope you will 'get talking'! Each time a member gets informed about a trending topic or asks other health professionals their opinions and in turn, shares their unique medical laboratory perspective back, it's a small way to advocate locally that the medical laboratory is important in health care conversations. Who says doctors and nurses should have all the fun? Patients are our number one priority too.

Get informed. Get motivated. Get talking. Get political.

~ Hot Spot Review Crew