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## CSRT Announcement

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew West as Chief Executive Officer, effective August 14, 2017.



The CSRT Selection Committee implemented a rigorous recruitment process to find a replacement for Christiane Ménard, the current CSRT Executive Director, who is retiring later this year. We are delighted that the top candidate for this position is a well-respected Respiratory Therapist at the regional, provincial and national levels.

Throughout the recruitment process we were impressed not only by Andrew's educational and professional experience, but also his strategic vision and direction for our association. There is no doubt that Andrew is well prepared for this leadership role that requires solid knowledge and understanding of the health care system and the interdependence between professional practice, education, research and policy within the context of respiratory therapy.

Andrew West, who is a fluent communicator in both official languages, brings to the CSRT a wealth of experience from his leadership position at the University of Manitoba, where he served both as department head as well as a researcher and scholar. He is currently a Doctoral candidate at the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary where he anticipates completing his doctorate studies before joining the CSRT.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Christiane Menard for the tireless work and efforts she has provided to our profession over the past nine years. It is because of her that our association has a national presence of over 4250 members and she continues to be a strong advocate for our profession.

Please join me in congratulating Andrew to his new position and the exciting opportunities he brings for our profession and the CSRT.

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CSRT President