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Message from the CEO

Strategic Agenda 2023-2025

CSRT Vision

Empowering Canada's community of Respiratory Therapists to provide exceptional care and support.

CSRT Mission

The CSRT provides resources that advances the profession, promotes and understanding of respiratory therapy, and supports our members in providing supporting environments and promotions that foster respiratory therapists' ability to provide high-quality, transformative respiratory healthcare to patients and families.

DRIVES TO POWER:
- Advocacy for RTs, patients and families
- Sustainable Organization

ADVOCACY:
- Advocacy for RTs, patients and families

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY:
- Support and Engage Members

INFORMATIVE PLATFORM:
- Support and Engage Members
- Sustainable Organization

CSRT Members

Jide Ochonlo Clinical Anesthesia Assistant

CSRT Board of Directors (2023-2024)

Kajal Mahay, President
Jide Ochonlo, Vice President
Kevin Curtis, Treasurer

Directors at Large
Ryan Bell
Frank Fiorentino
Ashley Gaudet
Marcelo Fabio
Ryan Mitchell
Farrah Rahim
Kar White

6 Board Meetings held

10 Committee Meetings held

268 Volunteer Hours

1884 VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Benefits that are career empowering and that support personal well being

Enhancements to the learning offerings/resources and benefits available to CSRT members!

bms.

NEW! All members who are part of the CSRT can now access the Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) Patient Assistance Foundation (PAF) Program!

The BMS PAF Program is the "returning program" formerly known as the Celgene Patient Assistance Program (CPAP) that helped patients with financial challenges.

In addition to national program enhancements, members will be discounted virtual nursing conferences and virtual nursing conferences.

FOCUS Conferences

CSRT FELLOWSHIP (FLIP)

The CSRT continues to provide exceptional clinical staff significant contributions to their respiratory therapy profession.

These are currently 140 CSRT members!

Advocacy for RTs, patients and families, and for the RT profession in local communities, across Canada, and globally

The CSRT continues to advocate for RTs and for better healthcare for patients and families. The CSRT continues to be a strong voice for the CSRT Members and the respiratory therapy profession.

The CSRT regularly collaborates with its primary network of over 120 respiratory organizations to advocate, collaborate, educate, and promote and partnering in advocacy initiatives such as government ministries and agencies.

Canadian Coalition for Respiratory Therapists

HEAL

Advocating for Respiratory Therapists

The CSRT is the voice of the RT profession across Canada

The RT Profession's Voice is Being Heard

CSRT advocacy efforts in 2023 again focused on the healthcare crisis affecting patients and families across Canada.

Advocacy efforts in the respiratory sector in partnership in 2023 focused on the following priorities: Respiratory Health Strategy, Respiratory Health Awareness Month, Respiratory Health Awareness Day, and Lung Health Framework, and the Canadian Respiratory Health Alliance (CRHA) and the Canadian Lung Health Alliance (CLHA) meeting with ministries and stakeholders.

Area of Focus	Recommendations
Respiratory Health Strategy	Establish a national respiratory health strategy to ensure equitable access to prevention and health promotion, diagnosis, treatment, and care for all Canadians.
Respiratory Health Awareness Month	Establish a national respiratory health awareness month to increase awareness of respiratory health and lung health.
Respiratory Health Awareness Day	Establish a national respiratory day and community education and awareness campaign to increase awareness of respiratory health and lung health.
Lung Health Framework	Establish a national lung health framework to ensure a coordinated approach to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care for people with lung health issues and to ensure the sustainability of programs focused on lung health.

Recognition of the importance of respiratory health and lung health has been elevated in the last year, with the Canadian Respiratory Health Alliance and the Canadian Lung Health Alliance being formed. The Canadian Respiratory Health Alliance has been meeting with ministries and stakeholders to discuss the priorities. The Canadian Lung Health Alliance is a group of respiratory organizations who are working together to develop a national lung health framework. The CSRT is a member of both alliances and is actively involved in the work of both alliances.

The CSRT Primary Care Initiative

In partnership with the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists, the Canadian Primary Care Section, the Canadian Thoracic Society, and the Canadian Lung Health Alliance, the CSRT has developed a Primary Care Initiative to support respiratory therapists in primary care. This CSRT Initiative has consultation learning and experiences, including a virtual learning series, and a virtual "Community of Practice" for respiratory therapists in primary care.

Between March 2023 and March 2024, a project coordinator (Michelle Mancini) and a clinical consultant (Kar White) working group of experts in the field completed the project. The resulting practice framework was released in September 2024.

Equipe Team

Canada

Opportunities for networking, mentorship, and knowledge sharing

CSRT Networks
Advancing Practice Through Community

JOA networking community members, and growing!

The Journal of Respiratory Care (JOA) is an open access journal of the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists, and is indexed in Medline.

CSRT 2024 Annual Conference to be held in Ottawa

#CSRT2023

Providing Leadership in Knowledge Sharing

The CSRT is partnering with the Canadian Critical Care Section, the Western Canadian Critical Care Section, and the Ontario Critical Care Section to host the 2024 Canadian Critical Care Conference (CCCC) and Critical Care Medicine (WCCCS) to be held on September 19-20, 2024 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Conference is for all Respiratory Therapists who are interested in learning about critical care practice and who provide critical care medicine to critically ill patients. The theme of the conference is "Critical Care Medicine: Bridging Knowledge to Practice".

SAVE THE DATE
17th Canadian Critical Care Conference (CCCC) and Critical Care Medicine (WCCCS)
September 19-20, 2024
Vancouver, BC

Supporting evidence-informed practice for RTs

$10,000

Total CSRT Research Grant Funds (in the last 3 years)

10,484

Total number of CSRT Research Grant Applications (in the last 3 years)

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CJRT

Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy

Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy is a peer-reviewed, open access, quarterly publication of the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT). CJRT publishes research, reviews, and commentaries that are of interest to the profession of respiratory therapy.

Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy is indexed in the Scopus database, the Elsevier Bibliographic database, and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). CJRT is also indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) database, and is included in the Ulrichsweb Global Serials Directory database.

The journal is now accessible in the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy is now indexed in the Scopus database using the SciVerse Scopus platform, and is included in the Elsevier Bibliographic database.

Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy is now indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). CJRT Annual Conference and Research Grant Recipients are eligible for a waiver for publication fees.

2023 Financial Reports

A glance at 2024 CSRT activities

Save the date!
CSRT ANNUAL CONFERENCE
May 8-10, 2025
Ottawa, Ontario