



Thursday May 21, 2026

	Education	Anesthesia Assistance	Home Ventilation	Innovation in RT	Critical Care	Workshops
9:00 am - 9:45 am	From classroom to clinic: Bridging gaps in education and pulmonary care with student innovation Tammie Black, MEd, RRT, FCSRT; Lisa Curtis, RRT, CRE; Naida Keetch BSc, RRT, CRE	Anesthesia and the role of CCAA in ECT Michael Cashen, RRT, CCAA	Impact of transition to Astral 150 ventilator on pediatric patients, families, and healthcare teams in Ontario Nisha Cithiravel, MHSc, BSc, RRT	Defining our boundaries: A collaborative RT scope of practice review Yvonne Drasovean, MEd, RRT, FCSRT	The iatrogenic complication: How ventilating the COPD lung can harm the IIH brain Noor Rizvi, BSc, SRT	
9:55 am - 10:40 am	Mitigating moral distress and planning for traumatic events: Implementing a resilience curriculum for RT students during clinical rotations Brittany Dieroff, MEd, BHSc, RRT; David Reid, RRT	Disaster in the O.R.: Analysis of an airway fire Murray Sampson, BSc, CCAA, RRT, CRE	Development of a provincial digital care path for children requiring tracheostomy in Alberta Daniel Duke, BPE, RRT		Enhancing radial arterial catheter longevity in the ICU Rebecca Gunn, BHSc, RRT, CRE	
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Break					
11:10 am - 11:55am	Simulated Participants (SPs) in RT education: Bringing life and breath to simulations Noel Pendergast, MPH, BPED, RRT, FCSRT	From arrest to ECMO: The CCAA response to massive PE Mark Carolan, RRT, CCAA	Home mechanical ventilation in the community: A CANVent-based approach to neuromuscular and complex respiratory care Crystal Cousineau, RRT; Nora Mondesir, RRT	Transforming pulmonary function testing with digital integration: Strategies and lessons learned Sarah Marks, RRT, BHSc	Enhancing communication using Above-Cuff vocalization in ICU patients Jane Yongo, BSc, RRT, CTE	WORKSHOP (9:00 am - 2:45 pm) Riding the wave: An introduction to bedside lungs and vascular access POCUS Kelly Hassall, RRT, FCSRT, MEd, BSc; Henry Ajzenberg, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
12:05 pm - 12:50 pm	Professional practice student learning beyond the bedside Dallas Will, RRT, CRE	Full scope, full impact: Maximizing Anesthesia Assistant scope of practice to keep ORs open Judy Sutrin, HBSc, RRT, CCAA	A provincial model for LTV care Allison Freeman, OT Reg, MHSc, PGDipOL	Emerging sleep monitoring technologies: Evaluating alternatives to polysomnography for sleep apnea diagnosis Gene Johner, BSc, Bed, SRT	Language barriers in critical care: Implications for respiratory therapy and patient outcomes Melanie Paez, MSc, RRT	
12:55 pm - 1:55 pm	Lunch					
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Boosting clinical confidence in respiratory therapy students Rewand Latvanen, MEd, BSc, RRT	Integrating patient reported outcomes into anesthesia: Enhancing quality, safety and patient centered care Mithin Koshy, BSc, RRT, CCAA	Identifying healthcare disparities and needs for children with tracheostomy in rural and underserved areas of Western and Northern Canada: A family-caregiver driven multijurisdictional environmental scan Nadia Qureshi, PhD(c), MSc, RRT	Respiratory intuition: Turning ideas into devices Evan Richards, BSc	Arrested by the police, swimming with dolphins and other tales of delirium from a Canadian post-intensive care syndrome clinic Costa Voutsinas, RRT	
2:55 pm - 3:40 pm		INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION Voice, breath, and balance: A technology enabled roadmap for better lives in chronic ventilation (Speaker to be confirmed) Sponsored by McArthur Medical		INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION (To be confirmed) Sponsored by Novus	INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION (To be confirmed) Sponsored by AirLiquide Home Healthcare Canada	
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break					
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Clinical Simulation Network Meeting	CCAA Network Meeting	Home Ventilation Network Meeting	Primary Care Network Meeting		
5:15 pm	Welcome Reception					



Friday May 22, 2026

	Evolving Practice	Critical Care	Leadership	Chronic and Primary Care	Neonatal and Pediatric	Workshops
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Increasing staff comfort in discussing death and dying through facilitated death cafes Tatum MacAulay, MSW, RSW	Enhancing diagnostic accuracy in pneumothorax detection: AI-assisted lung ultrasound interpretation by RT Brady Hurley, SRT	Mentorship that works: Building better teams from the inside Chantal Piché, RRT	The unspoken facts about COPD: Where health and sexuality connect Pénélope Bolduc, BSc	Practice recommendations for speaking valves in children: A systematic review Kalp Shah, RRT, BHSc	WORKSHOP (8:30 am - 10:10 am) From Idea to impact: A practical QI project primer for RTs Julie Nardi, MSc, RRT, CRE
9:25 am - 10:10 am	Neonatal / paediatric respiratory care targets: A narrative review of the latest guidelines Anthony Iacolucci, BHSc, RRT, C-NPT	Exploring the quality of sleep among critical care professionals in the Republic of Yemen Saleem Hamilah, BS, RT, RCP, MsRC, FNIV	Emotional intelligence in clinical education Baljit Grewal, MSc, BSc, RRT	Vaping: What do we know about short term effects? Jody Saarvala, MSc, BHA, RRT	Preemie triplets: A clinical and parental perspective on the NICU journey Jenna Shannon, RRT	
10:15 am - 10:45 am	Break					
10:50 am - 11:35 am	INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION (To be confirmed)		INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION Magnesium matters: Breathing new life into respiratory support Martin Ekihi, MD Sponsored by Nova Biomedical		INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION Continuous cuff pressure management: Better outcomes? Sonia Larouche, RT Sponsored by BOMImed	WORKSHOP (10:50 am - 12:30 pm) Innovating education: Teaching today's learner through technology, research, and collaboration Julie Brown, MSc, RRT, FCSRT; Meredith Patey, RRT, FCSRT
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Advanced resuscitation and recent trends in ACLS 2025 Karine Grondin, Inh, RRT, FCSRT	The hidden driver: How patient effort shapes ventilator outcomes Thomas Piraino, RRT, FCSRT, FAARC	Where is the roadmap? Supporting new graduate RTs in their transition from student to staff Kelly Yuill, RRT, BHSc, CRE	Taming the west: Bringing a primary care RT program to the West Coast / Vancouver Island Joanne Terry, RRT, CRE	Advancing non-invasive respiratory support in preterm neonates: Integrating physiology, practice, and innovation Veena Deekonda, BHSc, RRT	
12:35 pm - 1:35 pm	Lunch					
1:40pm - 2:25 pm	"Ask for Angela": Opening the door to safer conversations in respiratory practice Beth McAllister, RN, SANE-A	Optimizing daily spontaneous breathing trials in Respiratory Therapy: A workshop for aligning practice with national recommendations Elizabeth Rohrs, PhD, RRT; Marco Zaccagnini, RRT, CCAA, MSc, PhD, FCSRT	Medical errors: Leadership essentials for harnessing the power of just culture and the human connection following a medical error Lindsay Martinek, BHA, RRT, MHS	Rethinking oxygen: Evidence, equity, and access in Canada Sharon Lee, MA, CFRE	Measuring respiratory effort in mechanically ventilated children Ria Evans, RRT, BSc; Katherine Reise, RRT, MScCH, FSCRT	WORKSHOP (1:40 pm - 3:20 pm) Airways unlocked two: An immersive workshop for complex rescue and isolation techniques Mark Carolan, RRT, CCAA; Robert Bryan, RRT, CCAA; Heather O'Donnell, RRT, CCAA; Juliana Gowing, RRT, CCAA; Jordan Pugh, RRT, CCAA; Daryl Penner, RRT, CCAA
2:35 pm - 3:20 pm	The art of gap analysis: Turning environmental scan data into action Rena Sorensen, MSc, RRT, FCSRT, CAE	"Not my monkey": Leading with purpose, not just fixing problems Marianne Ng, MHS, RRT, PMP, CCMP	Clinical remission by a comprehensive severe asthma management strategy guided by airway inflammmometry and bioimaging Taylor Swindall, BA, GRT	To MIST or not to MIST: Implementing minimally invasive surfactant therapy in the community hospital setting Greg Donde, RRT, BHSc, MSc, FCSRT		
3:25 pm - 3:45 pm	Break					
3:50 pm - 4:35 pm	Respiratory Therapists in translational research: building careers beyond the bedside Melanie Kjarsgaard, MSC, RRT, CRE	Optimizing daily spontaneous breathing trials in Respiratory Therapy: A workshop for aligning practice with national recommendations Continued...	Addressing unconscious bias in healthcare performance management Deasy Ardini, RRT, CCSH, CRE	Standardization of action plans: A collaborative approach to provide unified care Leigh Guertin, MHSc, BSc, RRT, CHE, CRE	From bedside to transport: Differentiating PPHN and CHD in neonatal hypoxemia Praveen Nakavar, BSc, RRT	MODERATED POSTER SESSIONS
7:00 pm	CSRT/NOVUS Fun Night					



Saturday May 23, 2026

8:30 am-10:00 am	CSRT PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH AND AWARDS CEREMONY		
10:15 am -11:00 am	Walking together: What reconciliation really asks of us Georgina Dan		
11:10 am -11:50 am	INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION PEEP titration: Is there an "optimal" value? Dr. Ricardo Luis Cordioli <i>Sponsored by Novus</i>	INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION <i>(To be confirmed)</i>	INDUSTRY EDUCATION SESSION <i>(To be confirmed)</i>
12:05 pm -12:50 pm	The Science of Well-Being for RRTs Tracey Receveur, RN/BN, CWT-TIC		
1:00 pm -1:45 pm	Lunch		
1:50 pm - 2:35 pm	The CSRT RT evidence framework: How we got here and where we are going Mika Nonoyama, PhD, RRT, FCSRT; Marco Zaccagnini, PhD, MSc, RRT, CCAA, FCSRT		
2:40 pm - 3:25 pm	Plenary <i>(Speaker to be confirmed)</i>		
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