

CSRT Annual Report

January to December 2016

Message from the CSRT President Jeffrey Dionne, BSc, RRT



It has been almost one year since I became President of the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists. Since starting on the Board of Directors four years ago, I have been encouraged by the significant growth and progress in our profession and our professional association.

In 2016, the CSRT set out to accomplish many activities and programs outlined in the Blueprint for the RT profession. This annual report will outline the achievements from January 1 to December 31, 2016.

While the CSRT is a relatively small organization, I am gratified for all that has been accomplished. The CSRT has forged solid partnerships with the regulatory bodies, with the accreditation and certification agencies, with national and provincial health organizations, with our industry partners, and most importantly with our members. The CSRT continues to represent RTs across Canada and participates in many national committees, task forces and workgroups. As such, the profession is well understood by other health care providers, by industry, by policy makers and other relevant stakeholders. The CSRT is at the table with the other professions for on-going discussions about health care transformation at the federal, provincial and territorial level through our partnership with the Health Action Lobby Group (HEAL).

Over the next half of my two-year term as president, my goal is to help steer the profession into leadership roles within a complex, ever-changing health care system. Working with the Board of Directors and staff, we will also embark on a process to review and update the Blueprint for the profession which was first launched in 2014. This is the most important document for the evolution of the profession produced by CSRT and we need to ensure it meets the current needs of the profession. The process will include a consultation process and we will involve many of you in shaping the future roadmap for our profession. There will be several levels of consultation with RTs, with other health professionals, with educators, with leaders, with regulators, with industry. We anticipate that the revised "blueprint" document will be approved by the Board of Directors at the end of 2018 and will be presented to the membership at the 2019 Annual Education Conference.

In closing, I am thankful for the generosity, active involvement, hard work and positive attitude of CSRT Board members. I am also grateful for the dedication of all CSRT staff members who share the same passion as our profession: Carolyn McCoy, Katherine Nollet, Theresa Wilson, Nina Newman and Lindsey Naddaf. In mid-2017 we will have a major change at the CSRT with the retirement of Christiane Ménard as Executive Director. The leadership of our national professional association will have a smooth transition to an outstanding RT leader, Andrew West, who will take on the role of Chief Executive Officer in August 2017.

While I am grateful for all that has been accomplished in the past, for the dedication of Board members and the resourcefulness of our office staff, the measure of our courage and determination will be a function on how we build our future.

As we move forward, let us be grateful for all that we have accomplished and continue building a solid national professional association that can support and advocate for the future of the respiratory therapy profession.

2016-2017 Board of Directors



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