

OUR PROFESSION, OUR PASSION

RESPIRATORY THERAPY DEDICATED TO OPTIMAL CARDIO-RESPIRATORY HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST IS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE PATIENT

The respiratory therapist embraces a patient-centered and holistic approach to care.

The respiratory therapist takes a pro-active approach to the delivery of care.

The respiratory therapist understands the business and economics of the Canadian health care system.

The respiratory therapist helps patients understand and navigate the health care system.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST IS COMMITTED TO EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

The respiratory therapist understands and applies clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills for the benefit of their patients.

The respiratory therapist maintains up-to-date practice methods, techniques and approaches through a dedication to continuing education and ongoing professional development.

The respiratory therapist leads and participates actively in research initiatives.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST IS A WELL-RESPECTED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

The respiratory therapist is regarded as a mentor, providing guidance and advice to patients, their families, to students and all members of the health care team.

The skills, knowledge and scope-of-practice of the respiratory therapist are fully appreciated by key stakeholders including the employers, government, other health care professionals and the public.

The respiratory therapist is regarded equally as a medical clinician and a technical expert.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AND SUPPORTER OF INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

The respiratory therapist recognizes that a collaborative approach to patient care is fundamental in optimizing health outcomes. The respiratory therapist is a leader in this regard, facilitating communication among other professionals involved in the care of the patient.

As a key member of a health care team, the respiratory therapist appreciates and understands the abilities and limitations of themselves and other team members.

The respiratory therapist values the contributions of members of the health care team and seeks advice from others in order to realize the best possible patient outcomes.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST PRACTICES IN DIVERSE SETTINGS

The practice of respiratory therapy will continue to expand into areas where the greatest possible benefits to patients can be realized.

The respiratory therapist is involved in the provision of a continuum of care from critical care to acute care to home care as well as in disease prevention and the education of patients.

The respiratory therapist is involved in care throughout the life of a patient; from birth to end of life.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION TO MEET THE EVOLVING DEMANDS OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Ongoing efforts are made to ensure that the educational background of the respiratory therapist is commensurate with the complexities of the ever-changing health care system.

The Respiratory therapist has access to ongoing education in support of new technology and therapeutic practices.

The respiratory therapist is directly involved in influencing resource and funding allocation models related to the provision of respiratory therapy in Canada.

The respiratory therapist maintains knowledge and understanding of new developments, trends and changes in the health care system.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS

The respiratory therapist promotes health and wellness in the community and hospital settings. Improved patient education and preventative care helps to enhance the quality of life for patients.

The respiratory therapist is a medical clinician exercising leadership and critical thinking based on evidence and research in the best interest of the patient.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST PERFORMS TO THEIR FULL SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The knowledge and abilities of the respiratory therapist are well understood by employers and colleagues.

The respiratory therapist's scope of practice is fully realized in the workplace allowing for outreach, education and treatment based on the specific needs of the patient.

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THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST IS THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE PROFESSION

The respiratory therapist is a professional and an active and equal contributor in health care teams.

The respiratory therapist works to promote a greater understanding of their profession and its essential role in the health care system.

The respiratory therapist is committed to developing behaviours and language anchored in the underlying values of professionalism, continuous improvement and patient-centered care.

The respiratory therapist understands their professional role, scope of practice and its place within health care teams and the system as a whole.

