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CSRT News

January 2010

Keeping members current on issues that matter

Affordable option for CSRT Membership Renewal

To facilitate membership renewals, the CSRT can provide its members with a financial advance for provincial and society dues for repayment over a ten-month period. Please contact the CSRT if this option is of interest to you. Renew your membership on line now at: http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/current_members.asp

Enhanced coverage offered through CSRT Professional Liability Insurance for 2010-2011

The CSRT has secured a new professional liability insurance package through AON Reed Stenhouse Inc. with enhanced coverage at reduced premiums for members!

Premiums (Option One)

2010 coverage reduced to \$56.00 compared to \$60.00 for 2009

Premiums (Option Two)

2010 coverage reduced to \$90.00 compared to \$95.00 for 2009

Enhanced PLI coverage includes:

- Legal Defense Expenses - \$50,000 / \$100,000, compared to the previous package at \$25,000 / \$50,000
- Patient Therapy and Counselling - \$10,000 per insured
- Loss of Earnings - \$750 per day compared to \$500 per day (in 2009)

Register early for the CSRT Education Conference and you could win a Play Station 3!

CSRT members who register for the annual Education Conference and Trade Show by **April 15, 2010**, will have their name entered for a draw for a Play Station 3 Blu-ray - just one of the many reasons to attend this year's conference,

being held in St. John's, Newfoundland, May 13-16, 2010. The conference program and registration form are available at http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

Don't forget the deadline for Abstract Submission for **Poster Presentation** at the conference is – February 12, 2010. Application form and criteria can be found at: http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

The 1st annual **CSRT Run for Research** will be held Sunday May 16th, 7:30, in St. John's, Newfoundland. Monies raised will help support RTs who are engaged in research projects. Check the CSRT website for details at: http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy

The CJRT is transitioning from an information-based tool to a knowledge-dissemination vehicle. Look for some exciting new changes in your Spring issue of the journal.

CSRT Position Paper

The CSRT position paper on “Single entry point for the practice of respiratory therapy by qualified personnel” can be viewed on the CSRT website at: http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/position_statements.asp

RT Working in Developing Countries Requires Equipment

Respiratory Therapist Eric Cheng of the Brampton Civic and Mount Sinai Hospitals is planning a return trip to Nepal this March, after traveling there two years ago. One of the many challenges he faces is procuring useful and much needed equipment. Eric intends to launch a neonatal CPAP program and hopefully bring some equipment. Particularly there is a need for 2 variable flow CPAP systems.

In an effort to bring better healthcare to the region, Eric has helped create a registered charity Bringing About Better Understanding (BABU - which means baby boy in Nepali). BABU exists to empower physicians and surgeons in Nepal through knowledge share and the procurement of quality equipment for a much needed pediatric hospital in Nepal. Through BABU, any donation will be used to service those in most need. If you can provide assistance in any way please contact Eric Cheng, <http://sites.google.com/site/babucanadaproject/projects> : 905.791.9715 or cell 416.844.3474. Donations can be sent to Unit 2228, 52 Panorama Crescent, Brampton, ON, Canada, L6S 3T9.

RT Volunteers Needed for Haiti

The Canadian Medical Assistance Teams is looking for RTs to volunteer their expertise in anaesthesia and respiratory health. CMAT provides healthcare workers the opportunity to share their knowledge, expertise and compassion with those in need.

Details can be found at website: <http://www.canadianmedicalteams.org/main.asp>

CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show

May 13-16, 2010 –St. John's, Newfoundland

SEE YOU ON THE ROCK!

[OnLine Registration is now available](#)

Program details are available on the CSRT website at
http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

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Complimentary CSRT Webinar - March 18th, 2010 - 12:00 to 13:00 EST

Risk Management and Malpractice Trends for Respiratory Therapists

The need for malpractice protection has never been greater for healthcare professionals such as respiratory therapists. A liability claim can be financially devastating without adequate insurance to protect the professional involved. Even a false or frivolous allegation can result in extensive defence costs.

Learning Objectives :

- Malpractice insurance policy dynamics
- Legal process for claims and malpractice allegations involving healthcare professionals
- Risk Management
- What to do in the event of a claim
- Litigation trends

Presenter: Brian Gomes, Vice President with Aon Reed Stenhouse and leader of Aon's regional healthcare practice. Click here for details and to register on line

http://www.csrt.com/en/education/online_webinars.asp

CSRT Membership – Win a Wii!

Renew your membership or join the CSRT by *March 30th* and you will be eligible to win a **Wii Deluxe Bundle**.

Membership details can be found at

http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/current_members.asp

CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show May 13-16, 2010, St. John's NL

The Education Conference and Trade Show preliminary program is now available at :

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

Register for the annual Education Conference and Trade Show by **April 15, 2010**, and have your name entered for a draw for a **Play Station 3 Blu-ray**. CSRT members can register online or fax in a registration form at: http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

The CSRT has secured a block of rooms for \$185.00 per night at The ***Delta St. John's Hotel***, in St. John's NL.

There are a limited number of rooms available – please call 1-888-793-3582.

See you on The Rock!

■ **New Web-Based Teaching Tool for RTs**

The University of Toronto has developed a complimentary web-based educational teaching tool reviewing lung anatomy and bronchoscopy. The user can navigate the tracheo-bronchial tree using real-time video by clicking on the lighted directional arrows. Clicking on the labels on the “Bronchoscopic view” gives details of the anatomy seen. The process is aided by the “Bronchial Tree Navigational Map” which shows the simultaneous location of the bronchoscope as the orange line in the airway. The user has the option of taking an anonymous bronchial anatomy quiz before using the simulator. Visit www.thoracicanesthesia.com. The CSRT offers a variety of free on-line educational tools at http://www.csrt.com/en/education/PD_online_courses.asp

■ **Major Funding Available for Research in Patient Safety in Home Care**

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) has announced that major funding will be available for researchers to study patient safety in home care. Up to \$1.1 million is being provided by CPSI and other sponsoring organizations – including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR), Institute of Aging (IA), and Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH); The Change Foundation; and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) – to help identify the scope and magnitude of the patient safety challenge in home care. For information and application form go to:

<http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/English/research/Pages/currentCompetitions.aspx>

■ **RT Saves Life at 35,000 Feet**

Frank Fiorenza wasn't supposed to be on that airplane earlier this month, but when officials at U.S. Airways in Fort Meyers, Fla. told him he could head back to Ottawa two hours ahead of schedule, he jumped at the chance. Ninety minutes after takeoff, the 32-year-old registered respiratory therapist heard a calm voice on the in-flight address system seeking anyone with medical experience. "You know how sometimes when you're flying and someone comes on and says something, you don't always pay attention?" Fiorenza said "It was kind of like that at first." Fiorenza wasn't sure he would qualify. A second more urgent announcement changed his mind. "I jumped over the three people sitting near me and started making my way up there." At the front of the plane Fiorenza saw an elderly man laying in the aisle. He wasn't breathing. Fiorenza and a female passenger, who is a registered nurse, started CPR. Fiorenza was surprised to find the on-board defibrillator machine wasn't working properly. He and the nurse had to use other equipment to create an oral airway and used a resuscitation bag to keep forcing air into the man's lungs. The 250 passengers, including the elderly man's wife, stayed calm as the pilot landed at a military airport in Charleston, North Carolina, where they were met by paramedics. An hour later, he was back in the air. "The pilot told everyone what had happened and how we had saved the man's life, that he was in hospital, in critical condition and expected to survive," said Fiorenza. "Everyone started applauding and cheering." Fiorenza was in Florida for a conference as part of his job as an educator and salesperson for Trudell Medical Marketing. "I've done CPR hundreds of times," said Fiorenza. "But this was the first time I've ever done it on a plane."

CSRT Past-President Jim Winnick Retires

Members who have been with the CSRT for a certain number of years will recognize the name Jim Winnick. Jim has retired from the Calgary Health Region. He served as President of the CSRT from 2003 – 2004 and has been a member of the CSRT since 1974. Between travelling and walking the dog, Jim also hopes to put in a few rounds of golf. The CSRT congratulates Jim on a successful career and wishes him a happy and healthy retirement!

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CSRT Membership Renewals!

Renée Pageau was the winner of the draw for a Deluxe Wii Bundle. Renée renewed her CSRT membership before March 31st and had her name included in the draw. Congratulations Renée!

Thank you to all our renewing and new CSRT members! RTs recognize the value of being a member of the national association that supports and advocates for the profession and shapes the future direction of respiratory therapy. If you have not renewed your membership – go to http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/current_members.asp. The CSRT will continue to strive to provide even more services of value to the RT community.

CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show May 13-16, 2010 - St. John's, NL

Register now and you could win a Play Station 3

There is still time to have your name entered in a draw for a **Play Station 3 Blu-ray!** Register by **April 15, 2010** for a chance to win!

New at this year's conference

Sleep Apnea Consumer Session - May 12, 2010, 6PM

The public is invited to attend an information session on the causes and solutions of sleep apnea, taking place at the Delta St. John's Hotel. Presenter Wanda Dollard, RRT will discuss symptoms and consequences of sleep apnea, as well as diagnosis and treatment. Everyone is invited to attend.

Run for Research – May 16, 2010 7:30 AM

CSRT's first Annual Research Run will support respiratory therapists who do research

and to encourage professional development. RT Research Run Pledge Form at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

A preliminary program and conference details are available at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

See you on The Rock!

■ **CSRT 2010 AGM**

**Notice is now given of Annual General Meeting of the Membership
of the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists**

Delta St. John's Hotel, 120 New Gower St., St. John's NL - Salon B, C & D

Friday, May 14, 2010 - 11:00 to 12:30

Current Registered/Honourary Members of the Society, in good standing, are entitled to vote in person at the meeting or by appointment of proxy. If you are unable to attend, you may complete a proxy form and return by mail or fax to the CSRT office by Friday, May 7, 2010. *Dated at Ottawa, Ontario, March 31, 2010 - By order of the CSRT Board of Directors.*

■ **CSRT Offers Discounted House and Car Insurance**

Win a Honda Insight Hybrid Car and \$3,000 for gas!

Get multi-vehicle discounts TD Insurance Meloche Monnex as well as competitive rates for motorcycles, ATVs and snowmobiles. Save even more when you combine your home and auto insurance. Just request a quote at www.melochemonnex.com and your name will be entered for a draw for a ***Honda Insight EX***.

■ **CSRT / CAREstream Student Excellence Award**

The CSRT is proud to partner with CAREstream Medical Ltd., to provide



recognition to students in the 20 educational programs across Canada. The goal of this

award is to recognize students in each respiratory therapy program (accredited through the Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education) who have successfully completed the certification exam and have made a substantial achievement as a student. The winners receive award at the President's Banquet during the CSRT annual Education Conference.

The Award consists of:

- Cash prize in the amount of \$500
- A certificate of excellence
- CSRT membership dues for one year (April to March)
- Complimentary registration to conference and ticket to the President's banquet

CAREstream Medical Ltd., is committed to supporting excellence in respiratory care and their support and sponsorship of this award helps to highlight the achievements students who will become leaders in advancing the profession in the future. Selection of winners is made in consultation with each education program.

Deadline - CSRT Certification Exam – July 5, 2010

Application deadline for writing the national CSRT Certification Exam is **April 30th, 2010.**

For details, visit <http://www.cbrc.ca/>

Promoting Resilience in the Healthcare Workforce

A new website offers an innovative avenue to promote the health and resilience of health providers - eWorkplaceHealth delivers honest, practical advice and support from Drs. Martin Shain and Emma Stodel - two Canadian experts on workplace health. Health providers from all disciplines can discuss topics concerning their professional and personal life anonymously and at no charge.

The Quality Worklife-Quality Healthcare Collaborative (www.qwqhc.ca) is a coalition of 12 national health organizations that are working to create vibrant, healthy healthcare workplaces, with the ultimate goal of improving patient care.

Check out the website at - <http://eworkplacehealth.com/>

■ H1N1 Survey Results

Over 500 people participated in the November 2009 H1N1 survey - ***RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS AND H1N1 INFULENZA A PANDEMIC***. The CSRT gathered relevant data on pandemic planning from RTs. In consultation with professional practice experts, the CSRT developed an short eleven-question survey.

Results are at: http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/H1N1_influenza.asp

■ CSRT On Line Job Bank

The CSRT offers employers a cost effective method of posting respiratory-related jobs on the Society website. At the same time, job seekers can review job postings from across the country. For more information <http://www.csrt.com/>



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■ **AGM 2010 Attend and have your name entered to win a Sony Reader – Pocket Edition**

If you are an eligible voting member of the CSRT and attending the CSRT Annual General Meeting in Newfoundland, you will have your name entered into a draw for a Sony Reader. The AGM is being held May 14th, 11:00 AM to 12:30 at the Delta St. John's Hotel, NL.

If you are eligible to vote and unable to attend the AGM, please exercise your right to be heard. Current Registered/Honourary Members, in good standing, are entitled to vote by appointment of proxy. **You may complete a proxy form and return by mail or fax to the CSRT office by Friday, May 7, 2010.** Information on the AGM and proxy forms can be found at: <http://www.csrt.com/members/agm.asp>

CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show – May 13-16, 2010

Don't miss out on the opportunity to take part in many informative sessions, as well as experiencing the flavour of Newfoundland. There are education streams for many areas of practice at this conference.

The Education Conference and Trade Show *final program is now available* at : http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp.

Registration forms can be found at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

Leadership Congress and Educator's Congress The CSRT is offering two excellent pre-conference sessions on Thursday, May 13th. Don't miss out on these valuable learning opportunities. Seating is limited.

Winner of the Playstation 3 Blu-ray

Jenny Fagioli of Fabreville, QC is the winner of the Playstation Blu-ray. Jenny's name was entered into the draw for early registration to the CSRT Conference in St. John's, NL. Congratulations Jenny!

CSRT Run For Research

Support your RT colleagues doing research. Lace up your running shoes and take a 2.5KM jog around downtown St. John's on Sunday Morning at 7:00AM. The individual who raises the most money will receive a **Sony Walkman MP3 Player**

Pledge forms can be found at http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

See you on The Rock!

■ CSRT Head Office is Moving!

The CSRT head office will be moving in July 2010. After many years at our Alta Vista Drive location, we will move closer to downtown Ottawa. This cost-effective measure will also ensure we have adequate room for expansion of the Society. We anticipate a minimal amount of disruption to CSRT member services during this transition.



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CSRT Conference Highlights

The CSRT annual Education Conference and Trade Show was a huge success with 364 delegates in attendance. The CSRT would like to thank the Newfoundland Host Committee for their tireless efforts in bringing a series of excellent speakers to the conference, providing lots of opportunities to network and showing us the legendary hospitality of St. John's. This year's conference introduced a number of new offerings.

Among the new events was the first *Annual Run for Research*. It was held on Sunday morning, May 16 at 7AM with ten hearty individuals out to run the 2.5km course along the St. John's waterfront. **Allan Shemanko** of Alberta won a Walkman MP3 player for raising the most research money. In total \$1,038.00 was raised to support respiratory therapists who do research.

To encourage delegate interaction with the many exhibitors who support the conference, exhibitors gave ballots to delegates for a draw. The draw prize was complimentary transportation, accommodation and registration for the CSRT conference in Quebec City - June 9 to 12, 2011. The winning name was drawn at the President's Banquet. Congratulations to **Edna Cahill** of Newfoundland.

As always, the Airway Olympics Sputum Cup Challenge was very well attended, with special guest, Olympic medal winner for curling at the 2010 Winter Games - Susan O'Connor was in attendance to hand out awards. After lots of fierce competition trying to intubate patients in difficult situations, the winners were finally declared. The team with the fastest time was Joanne Abbott and Mervyn Greenham. A special thank you to Rick Paradis for organizing this very popular event.

CSRT Poster Presentation Winner

Geoff Flannagan of Ontario is the winner of the Poster Presentations at the Conference with his poster entitled “*A Collaborative Inter-professional Approach to Reducing Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP) in the Critically Ill Child*”. All conference abstracts will be featured in full in the Summer issue of the CJRT. Geoff will receive complimentary registration to the 2011 conference in Quebec City.

Please note that conference presentations from speakers who gave permission to share their work will be available on the CSRT website on June 4, 2010.

Thank you to our Newfoundland Host Committee!

Cheryl Bailey, Kim Burry, Edna Cahill, Jessie Cox, Wanda Dollard, Tammy Fagan, Rick Halfyard, Melissa Keeping, Bonnie O’Leary, Trinda Payne, Vickie Penney, Cheryl St. Croix, David Squires and Wade Wheeler

**CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show 2011
Quebec City, QC - June 9 -12**

Professional Awards

**Colya Kaminiarz Professional
Achievement and Knowledge Award
*Jim McCormick***



Jim McCormick (left) accepts the Colya Kaminiarz Professional Achievement and Knowledge Award from CSRT President, Daniel McPhee

CSRT President's Award

(Sponsored by Trudell Medical Marketing)

Angela Coxe



Angela Coxe (left) accepts the CSRT President's Award from sponsor representative Dawn O'Hearn, Trudell Medical Marketing and CSRT President, Daniel McPhee

Robert Merry Lecturer

(Co-sponsored by Roxon Medi-Tech and Nonin)

Phil Richardson



Phil Richardson receives the Robert Merry award from CSRT President, Daniel McPhee (left) and sponsor representative Michael Solomita, Co-sponsored by Roxon Medi-Tech and Nonin Medical

Student Awards

The CSRT student members who have achieved the highest marks on their first successful attempt at the national exam within 18 months of graduation are:

GOLD - Deanna Simons - Thompson
Rivers University, British Columbia

SILVER - Genevieve Tozer - Algonquin College, Ontario

BRONZE - Dana Dryfhout – Thompson Rivers University, British Columbia



CSRT Gold Medal winner Deanna Simons and CSRT President, Daniel McPhee

CSRT/CAREstream Student Excellence Awards

Sherry Hill

College of the North Atlantic,
Newfoundland

Kaven Godbout

Le Cégep de Ste-Foy,
Québec

Chantale Blanchard

New Brunswick Community College (NBCC),
Saint John, New Brunswick

Justine Boilard

Le Cégep de Sherbrooke,
Québec

Mireille Dubé

Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick
(C.C.N.B.), campus Dieppe, Nouveau-Brunswick

Julie Tremblay

Cégep de Chicoutimi,
Québec

Anthony Robichaud

QEII/Dalhousie School of Health Sciences,
Nova Scotia

Kimberley Fournier

Algonquin College of Applied Arts and
Technology,
Ontario

Jenn Tardiff

Vanier College,
Quebec

Dominic Séguin



La Cité Collégiale-Collège d'arts appliqués et
de
technologie, Ontario

Angela Kroll

Canadore College of Applied Arts and
Technology,
Ontario

Katie Gyenes

Conestoga College Institute of Technology and
Advanced Learning, Ontario

<p>Laura Van Bommel Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology, Ontario</p>	<p>Heather McPhail The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences, Ontario</p>
<p>Vladimir Snovida University of Manitoba-School of Medical Rehabilitation, Manitoba</p>	<p>Kathryn Sleen Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Alberta</p>
<p>Tiffany Duthie Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Alberta</p>	<p>Deanna Simons Thompson Rivers University, British Columbia</p>
<p>Sandra Di Palma Le Collège de Rosemont, Québec</p>	
	
<p><i>Mo Shariff (right), President of CAREstream Medical, presents CSRT/CAREstream Student Excellence award to Angela Kroll of Canador College of Applied Arts and Technology, along with John Malone, CAREstream Clinical Specialist, (left) and CSRT President, Daniel McPhee</i></p>	<p><i>Mo Shariff (right), President of CAREstream Medical, presents CSRT/CAREstream Student Excellence award to Sherry Hill of the College of the North Atlantic, along with John Malone, CAREstream Clinical Specialist (left) and CSRT President, Daniel McPhee</i></p>

CAREstream Medical Ltd. is committed to supporting excellence in respiratory care and their support and sponsorship of this award helps to highlight the achievements of students who will become leaders in advancing the profession in the future.

CSRT Annual General Business Meeting

At the AGM, held in St. John's, NL, the CSRT introduced the new professional designation - *CSRT Fellow (FCSRT)*. This designation was created by the Board of Directors to promote professional development of CSRT members. The CSRT will begin

to accept applications on September 1st. Applications will be reviewed by the Board in November and certificates will be issued in January 2011. Criteria and application forms will be available on the CSRT website in the near future.

Introducing the CSRT Board of Directors 2010-2011

President – *Michael Lemphers*

Past President - *Daniel McPhee*

President Elect - *James McCormick*

Director of Professional Advocacy - *Cynthia Welton*

Director of National and Provincial Relations - *Jeff Kobe*

Director of Membership Services - *Christina Dolgowicz*

Treasurer - *Jeffrey Dmytrowich*

Director of Human Resources - *Angela Coxe*

Director of Education and Clinical Standards - *Dennis Hunter*

Director of Student Relations - *Krystle Hong*

CSRT Executive 2010-2011



*(Left to Right) James McCormick, President-Elect; Jeffrey Dmytrowich, Treasurer;
Michael Lemphers, President; Daniel McPhee, Past-President.*

 **Thank you to our 2010 Conference sponsors!**

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CSRT Advocacy Initiatives

Standing Committee on Health Reviews Lessons Learned from H1N1 Pandemic

The federal government's Standing Committee on Health has a mandate to review national health issues and will be discussing lessons learned from the H1N1 Pandemic. As this topic will be addressed by this Parliamentary Committee in the near future, the CSRT President has sent a letter to Joy Smith, M.P., Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, to provide information on the role of the profession during the H1N1 pandemic and to request that respiratory therapists be included in discussions surrounding health human resources and equipment resources, such as the ventilator stockpile requirements during a pandemic. The CSRT calls for continued pandemic planning and the allocation of appropriate resources and budget allocations be directed towards it. We reiterated our concern about the lack of harmonization between federal, provincial and institutional guidelines and called for national standards for infection control practices and access to personal protective equipment. The CSRT shared its evidence-based position statement on the use of aerosol-generating medical procedures as an example of national statements that proved useful to the profession during the H1N1 pandemic. A copy of the letter is available on the CSRT website ([*Professional practice / Advocacy*](#))

Federal Government's report on Health Human Resources

The CSRT has received a copy of the report finalized in June by the Standing Committee on Health week entitled "Promoting innovative solutions to Health Human Resources Challenges". This report will be tabled when Parliament resumes in September and the Health Department will have 120 days to respond to the Standing Health Committee. The report includes 29 recommendations, some of which are relevant to the

respiratory therapy profession. Over the next few months, the CSRT will review the report and formulate a response that can be submitted to Health Canada as well as to the Standing Committee on Health once the report is tabled in Parliament. The report is available on the CSRT website ([*Professional practice / Advocacy*](#))

We're Moving!

The CSRT Head Office is moving July 16, 2010. The office staff will be unreachable briefly from July 16 to July 19, 2010. *All phone and fax numbers and email addresses will remain the same.*

Our new address is:

**400-331 Cooper St.,
Ottawa, ON K2P 0G5**

CSRT Lapsed Member Draw

Members that renewed their lapsed membership by April 30th were entered to win a free webinar. There were 180 members who renewed their lapsed membership before the deadline. The winner of the draw is James Lock, Penticton, BC, who will have his pick of which webinar he would like to participate.

In Memoriam

Dale Morrison, RRT, from Halifax NS passed away suddenly in late May. Dale was a long-standing member of the CSRT for more than 20 years and a great promoter of the profession. He was actively involved in the AA program at Dalhousie and a regular contributor to the CJRT. Dale taught at the QEII School of Respiratory Therapy. He was one of the first anesthesia assistants at the QEII and co-created and taught the Anesthesia program. Dale was part of the first team to develop the global outreach program for Anesthesia Assistants in Halifax. He was 46 years old. In lieu of flowers donations should be made to Canadian Anesthesia Society International Education Foundation (CASIEF) online under [*Support*](#) or by calling 416-408-0602. Condolences

can be emailed to atlanticdartmouthfh@arbormemorial.com

■ CSRT Award Sponsors

The CSRT extends its sincere thanks to our corporate sponsors of Society awards.

Student Excellence Awards These awards were created to recognize educational excellence of students in each educational program.



CAREstream Medical Ltd., a long-standing industry partner, is committed to sponsorship of this award to highlight the achievements of students.

The President's Award

This award was established to allow the CSRT President to recognize an individual or organization that has provided support to the President during his term of office. Trudell



Medical Marketing has shown their support of the President and the profession by providing financial support for this award.



Robert Merry Lecturer Award

This award recognizes the significant contributions and achievements of an individual to the profession. The lecturer provides the keynote address at the annual educational conference. Roxon Medi-Tech / Nonin Medical have generously co-sponsored this award.



■ Funding Available - Lung Health Program Phase II

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit a proposal for funding under the Lung Health Program. The Lung Health Program demonstrates the federal government's role in improving the health of Canadians, and addresses PHAC's mission to promote and protect the health of Canadians through leadership, partnership, innovation and action in public health. This Invitation to Submit an Application is for projects starting January 15, 2011. Phase II of

this federal investment includes initiatives to increase awareness of prevention, early detection, and self-management of lung diseases, including potential risks from the environment, through public information products, with emphasis on high-risk populations, including children.

For more information, please see:

<http://www.lunghealthframework.ca/funding-opportunities>

■ **Effective Governance for Quality and Patient Safety Toolkit**

Resources for healthcare board members and senior leaders

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) offer an *Effective Governance for Quality and Patient Safety Toolkit*. This resource is available on the CPSI website at

www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca. CPSI and CHSRF collaborated with expert stakeholders, leaders and advisors to develop a toolkit to help boards understand and implement effective governance practices for quality and patient safety.



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CSRT Project Updates

The CSRT continues to work with the National Alliance of Regulatory Bodies on a project funded by the federal government that will lead to a common national process for credential, prior-learning and competency assessment for internationally educated health professionals who want to work in Canada as respiratory therapists and harmonization of registration requirements across all jurisdictions. The guidelines will be completed by October 2011.

The CSRT is also working on project to facilitate mobility across Canada for respiratory therapists who work in non-regulated provinces. We hope to sign a mobility agreement with regulated provinces in November 2010.

Another project aims to evaluate the equivalency between the American (NBRC) and Canadian (CBRC, L'Épreuve synthèse) certification examinations. Should the exams prove to be equivalent, this may facilitate the implementation of a new reciprocity agreement between the US and Canada. The evaluation will be completed by March 2011.

The CSRT continues to administer a project that will provide educators with a companion document to ensure all RT education programs provide the same curriculum for entry-to-practice. The document will be available by November 2010.

The CSRT will be doing a study in the Fall of 2010 to determine the RT to Vent Ratio. The data collected will provide much needed baseline information on how RT resources are utilized, current practices, gaps, and will support operational decision-making within a provincial / regional context.

National Competency Profile

The National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies recently launched the revised National Competency Profile. The 2011 National Competency profile has been developed in consultation with stakeholders and is available on the CSRT web site at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/education/national_competency_profile.asp

■ National Educational Framework for Anesthesia Assistants

The CAS Task Force on Anesthesia Assistants has completed a document to provide the foundation for curriculum development and act as a resource for further development of the growing profession of anesthesia assistants. This document may also provide a useful basis for the development of a competency profile, development of written and practical examinations and the development of a national accreditation process. It can be viewed here

http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/pdf/National_Educational_Framework.pdf

■ CSRT Adds Membership Benefits!

CSRT is pleased to announce two new money-saving offers for CSRT members.

Canadian Automobile Association

CSRT members are eligible to receive a 27% discount on their membership. This offer is only available to new CAA memberships. CSRT members that wish to take advantage of this offer should contact Bill Bousada, 613-820-1890 ext 394 or 1-800-267-8713 ext 394 or by e-mail wbousada@caaneo.on.ca.

Membership Type	Regular Price	CSRT Member Rate
CAANEO Plus Membership	\$137.58	\$99
CAA Plus Associate	\$84.19	\$60

ScrubsCanada.ca

CSRT has negotiated a discount for our members for 10% off the purchase price on scrubs purchased through scrubscanada.ca. Additionally orders over \$100 are eligible for free shipping. Visit www.scrubscanada.ca - at the checkout simply enter "CSRT" under coupons.

For more information about these and CSRT's other member discounts check the CSRT website at: http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/home_auto_insurance.asp

■ CoARTE Accreditation Visits 2010

Cégep de Chicoutimi - February

College of the North Atlantic – Qatar - March

Cégep de Sherbrooke and College Ellis - April

The spring brought exciting new actions for CoARTE - the first international accreditation, in Qatar, and the accreditation of the first francophone programs in Quebec. We appreciate enormously the work of the educators in Qatar and Quebec, and look forward to assisting them in their continuous work towards excellence.

We thank the program reviewers involved - volunteers of highest commitment and professionalism: Nicole Boudreau (NB); Dianne Levesque (NB); Marc Engfield (ON); Tom Dorval (BC); Sharon Peters (NL); Pam Skinner (ON); Michael Bachynsky (MB); Maryse Audet (NB); Suzanne Malo (QC); Costa Voutsinas (QC); Carolyn McCoy (NB); Caroline Gagnon (QC)

■ **A Nepalese Experience - Canadian RT spends three months working with neonates**

Eric Cheng has just returned from a volunteer assignment in one of the poorest countries in the world. The child mortality rate in Nepal is 32 per 1,000 live births with only 19% of deliveries attended by a skilled birth attendant. Eric has returned with an appreciation and understanding of the massive challenges faced by many developing counties. He shares his experiences at: <http://ideas2implementations.org/RTintheDevWorld.pdf>

■ **RTSO Education Forum September 16-18, 2010**

The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario and the Respiratory Therapy Society will hold a series of events at the Delta Meadowvale Resort in Mississauga September 16 – 18, 2010. Details can be found at www.rtsso.ca

■ **We've Moved!**

The CSRT Head Office is now located at:
400-331 Cooper St.,
Ottawa, ON K2P 0G5

All phone and fax numbers and email addresses remain the same.



CSRT News



■ Coming Soon - Members Only section on CSRT Website

The CSRT has developed a *Members-Only* portion on the website that will feature the CJRT, Catalogue of Guidelines, information on the AGM, Listservs and the CSRT Fellowship. This area of the site is in recognition of the fact that only RTs who are members will have access to these services and information tools, developed for the benefit of our members. This membership enhancement will take place in mid-September.

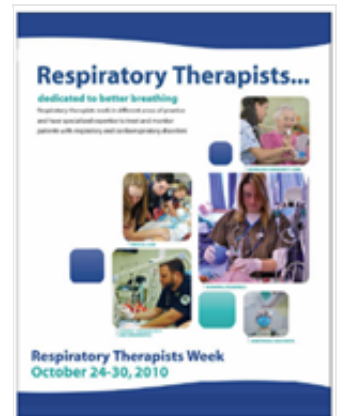
■ CSRT Accepting Fellowship Applications

Applications are now being taken for the CSRT *Fellowship* designation (FCSRT). CSRT members wishing to add this designation to their professional title can apply online. All applications will be reviewed by the CSRT Board of Directors and accepted Fellows will be confirmed in January 2011. Detailed information and application forms are available at www.csrt.com

■ RT Week October 24 – 30, 2010

CSRT members are also able to request a variety of *complimentary* materials to help promote the profession – including posters, banners, brochures and bookmarks. Information on promotional tools and “How-to” guides are available at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/rt_week.asp



New this year — CSRT is offering a series of *complimentary* professional development webinars to CSRT members during RT Week. See details below.

■ Upcoming CSRT Webinars

A new series of online webinars will be available this fall to provide you further opportunities to enhance your ongoing professional development activities. Online registration for webinars is available for CSRT members.

RT Week Webinars

October 25 (Complimentary to CSRT Members)

Closed loop control of ventilation and/or oxygenation – Richard Branson, RRT

Learning Objectives

- To review the physiologic principles and clinical application of closed loop control.
- To describe techniques that will optimize the use of closed loop control during mechanical ventilation and/or oxygenation.

October 26 (Complimentary to CSRT Members)

Tobacco addiction: What do we know and where do we go? – Dr. Charl Els

Learning Objectives

- To increase the confidence of the RRT who is involved in the treatment of this medical condition.
- To increase knowledge of the factors involved in tobacco dependence.
- To increase understanding of attitudes which are conducive to successful tobacco control.

October 27 (Complimentary to CSRT Members)

Liability Insurance: What you should know – Brian Gomes

Learning Objective

- To increase knowledge and understanding about the benefits of personal liability

insurance coverage.

Fall Webinars

November 8 (\$100 for CSRT members/ \$150 for non-members)

Pulmonary Rehabilitation – Paul Hernandez, MDCM, FRCPC, MD

Learning Objectives

- Increase knowledge of whom to refer for pulmonary rehabilitation
- Know the benefits of pulmonary rehabilitation
- Increase understanding of typical treatment modalities used in pulmonary rehabilitation
- Become aware of new approaches to improve exercise training in pulmonary rehabilitation.

December 7 (\$100 for CSRT members/ \$150 for non-members)

Getting the Patient Home – On or Off the Vent - Mark Herzog, RRT

Learning Objectives

- Describe the respiratory therapy outreach services provided to tracheostomy patients (both on and off ventilators) living at home in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region;
- Outline the respiratory therapist's role and other key components to a successful home ventilator assistance program; and
- Identify and understand challenges to effectively supporting ventilator patients in their own home.

To register: http://www.csrt.com/en/education/online_webinars.asp

CoARTE Update

CoARTE welcomes Christina Sperling to the position of Employer Representative on CoARTE. Her resume, determination and exemplary skills guarantee she will be a very valuable member of the team. We are looking forward to working together! Christina replaces Neil Johnston, who has been the Employer Representative on the Council since 2007. We thank Neil for his hard work, dedication and support. His knowledge, expertise and judgment were an asset to the Council. We wish him the best of luck!

In Memoriam

Dan Winnick

With regret and sadness we report the tragic loss of Dan Winnick, of the son of Jim and Penny and brother to Nick Winnick. Dan passed away at Vancouver General Hospital subsequent to a bicycle accident earlier this summer in Vancouver. Jim was President of CSRT in 2003-2004. The CSRT Board of Directors, CSRT members and staff offer their deepest sympathy to the family.

Michael John Martin

Michael John Martin, RRT died peacefully in the Palliative Care unit of St. Peter's Hospital in Hamilton, ON, in August, after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was 47 years old. Michael graduated from the Michener Institute Respiratory Therapist programme in 1991 and was a supporter of the CSRT. He worked the Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington up until September 2009 shortly after his diagnosis. Michael graduated with Honours from The Michener Institute's perfusion programme in 1997 and worked briefly in the University of Saskatchewan, at Toronto General and finally at the Hamilton General Hospital with the Cardiac Surgery team. As the clinical educator he will be remembered by the students he assisted as always having "taken their side".

CSRT Endorses Professional Development Credits through E-Course

UBC School of Environmental Health presents an online, on demand, bilingual course on outdoor air quality and health and the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI). This course

is available at no cost, made possible through funding by Health Canada. The CSRT recognizes this program and qualifies one professional development credit for each hour of learning. Time commitment is expected to be 3 to 4 hours plus time in an asynchronous discussion forum to discuss case studies and other course content with other learners and subject matter experts. A certificate of completion is given to those who complete the course. More information about this course is available at: http://www.soeh.ubc.ca/Continuing_Education/oaqpromo.html.



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■ **Call for Nominations for CSRT Awards – deadline November 15, 2010**

The Robert Merry Lecturer Award

This award was established to recognize the significant contributions made by an individual to the profession or the professional association. The Robert Merry Lecturer presents the keynote address during the CSRT Annual Education Conference. Nominations are being accepted for the 2012 Robert Merry Lecturer Award. The 2012 conference will be held in Vancouver, BC. This award is sponsored in part by Roxon Medi-Tech and Nonin.

Colya Kaminiarz Professional Achievement and Education Award

This award was established to recognize an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership skills and has made a significant contribution to professional practice and/or in the field of education at the national level. This award will be presented at the 2011 Education Conference, being held in Quebec City.

Criteria and nomination forms can be found at: <http://www.csrt.com/en/about/awards.asp>

■ **CSRT Board of Directors - Call for nominations**

Nominations are being accepted for the position of *President-Elect* on the CSRT Board of Directors. The ideal candidate will have practical experience as a member of the Board of Directors of a professional organization and can outline the contributions. The CSRT recognizes the value of its volunteers, as they provide leadership, insight and expertise to help advance the goals of the organizations and the profession. Individuals who submit nominations will make a three year commitment – one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past-President. A position description for President-Elect and nomination form is available at: http://www.csrt.com/en/about/board_directors.asp

■ **Increasing the relevance of the profession through our involvement in national projects**

The CSRT is an active participant in several national projects and we have reported on this in previous issues of the newsletter. The CSRT has recently committed to participating in the following initiatives:

- 1) A project of the Canadian Network for Asthma Care entitled “*Enhancing health care providers’ capacity to integrate evidence based smoking cessation interventions into practice settings across Canada*”. The project aims to establish certification standards and an examination for a national Certified Smoking Cession Educator designation and developing evidence-based national learning objectives and smoking cessation training curriculum.

2) A University of Toronto project on mechanical ventilator weaning that aims to (1) review the literature on weaning methods, weaning venues, care models and patient outcomes; (2) to synthesize qualitative research to identify factors affecting the use of weaning protocols and help to explain outcomes across studies, and (3) to synthesize evidence from trials evaluating automated weaning systems in adults and children to elucidate the true effect of a standardized weaning process.

3) A University of Toronto project entitled “*Understanding Long-Term Mechanical Ventilation in Canada: A Programmatic Approach*”. The project will address clinical practice, health care policy, knowledge generation and translation across the continuum of care and across the country.

4) The College of Family Physicians of Canada has asked the CSRT to participate in their project entitled: “*Educational outreach to primary healthcare professionals regarding the Air Quality Health Index*”. The project aims to educate primary healthcare practitioners about the health effects of air pollution and provide information and tools to incorporate in their clinical practice.

■ Students can now join online - New!

To streamline the membership process for students, the CSRT has added an *online join site* for new student members. The one-time \$100.00 fee covers students for their entire student life and enables students to take advantage of a number of discounts including conference registration, CAA membership and purchasing scrubs. Register now at: http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/student_members.asp

■ RT Week October 24 – 30, 2010

RT Week is just around the corner! There are still a limited number of complimentary promotional items available to our members – including complimentary webinars. Check for details at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/rt_week.asp



■ National exam registration deadline – November 15, 2010

The next sitting of the national certification examination is January 10th, 2011. The deadline for application to write this examination is November 15th, 2010. Please visit the Canadian Board for Respiratory Care for details <http://www.cbrc.ca/>

■ CoARTE call for volunteers

CoARTE would like to take this opportunity to launch a call for volunteers. In particular, CoARTE is looking for respiratory therapists who are working in a clinical environment and French-speaking, to add value to the program review teams. Anyone wishing to be considered for this worthwhile and rewarding experience is asked to contact Milena Cotinghi at mcotinghi@csrt.com. We extend our thanks all the reviewers and

educators for their hard work this year, which was a very busy year for CoARTE.

■ Save the date! June 9 -12, 2011 - Education Conference and Trade Show



Beautiful Quebec City, QC will be the site of the CSRT Education Conference in 2011. To help RTs stay current with changes and new information to the profession - educational streams offered will include critical care, general therapeutics, anesthesia assistants, neonatal / paediatrics, homecare/community care and presentations of innovative new respiratory care therapies in these practice areas. A preliminary program will be available in December 2010.

■ Health Indicators 2010 Report from CIHI

The Canadian Institute for Health Information report - **Health Indicators 2010** provides more than 40 measures of health and health system performance in Canada for larger health regions, provinces and territories. This year`s report includes a special focus on disparities by socio-economic status, through the analysis of two common reasons for hospitalizations in Canada-acute myocardial infarctions (AMIs), commonly known as heart attacks, and hysterectomies. The report can be found at:

[http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/dispPage.jsp?](http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/dispPage.jsp?cw_page=PG_2951_E&cw_topic=2951&cw_rel=AR_152_E)

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■ Virtual Learning Programs

Safer Healthcare Now! offers a fall season with a full calendar of events and activities. Through the use of web based technology, individuals and groups have the opportunity take advantage of programs that will support and guide teams in implementing their patient safety improvement project without the added travel commitment. Included in this programming is Virtual Learning Initiative: New Approach to Controlling Superbugs – an initiative designed to share new strategies, including Positive Deviance with Canadian Healthcare Institutions to bring about a reduction in healthcare associated infections. Details at:

<http://www.saferhealthcarenow.ca/EN/events/VirtualPrograms/Superbugs/Pages/default.aspx>



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■ **Members-Only Section on CSRT website**

As part of the CSRT commitment to bring improved services to its members, there is an area of the site is accessible only to RTs who are members. Services and information tools in this area include **CSRT Fellowship, Catalogue of Guidelines, Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy, Annual General Business meeting** and **Listservs**. If you have any difficulty logging on please contact us – 800 267-3422.

The Catalogue of Guidelines is constantly updated – look for links to the just-released *ACLS Guidelines for 2010* and *Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care 2010-International Consensus Guidelines* under *Resuscitation*.

■ **Become a Friend on the CSRT Facebook page!**



Keep track of the latest activities of other respiratory therapists. Post your RT Week photos and show your peers how you celebrated the profession.

Join us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=37337032416&v=wall>

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Sign Up for Upcoming CSRT Webinars

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Cost for CSRT members: \$100 + applicable GST/HST in your province per site.

Cost for Non-members: \$150 + applicable GST/HST in your province per site.

For details and to register on-line, (members only)

http://www.csrt.com/en/education/online_webinars.asp

CoARTE Update

CoARTE's fall accreditation calendar includes one accreditation visit, to the respiratory therapy program at the Cégep de Sainte-Foy, in Québec City. It is the program's first visit from CoARTE.

CSRT Participates in Neonatal Resuscitation Program

Marilyn Hyndman RRT, MAppSc (Resp) is the CSRT representative for the profession on the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) steering committee. The NRP steering committee met in June in Vancouver. Marilyn brought suggestions and concerns expressed by fellow RTs to the meeting – similar concerns were voiced repeatedly by different disciplines around the table - from RRTs to RN's and MD's.

This year marks the beginning of the next cycle of change for the NRP program. New guidelines from the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) will be released soon. These guidelines are the basis of the American Academy of Paediatrics (AAP) and American Heart Association (AHA) recommendations, which will be released shortly after the ILCOR guidelines. These guidelines have historically been the basis of the Canadian Guidelines. After the AAP/AHA release their guidelines the Canadian NRP Steering committee reviews and adapts these for use in Canada.

Members of the steering committee executive, who had been privy to AAP/AHA discussion, indicate that the AAP/AHA practice guidelines will closely resemble the 2006 Canadian guidelines. The Canadian guidelines will have fewer practise changes as these changes have already been made. The biggest changes will likely be in regards to how NRP will be taught and how providers will be evaluated. There will be more emphasis on integration of megacodes, team competencies, and debriefing. Plans are for the written exam to be written prior to the learner arriving to the course.

Education materials and the next edition of the text will be tentatively available in April 2011. There are initial plans for an instructor's DVD with an online exam. All materials

will be reviewed by the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) Steering Committee and Education Committee and a strategy for Canadian launches (later part of 2011) will be developed. The CPS will release a statement regarding the new changes to the NRP process on the NRP website. Please visit this site for the latest information on the new process.

■ **New Air Quality Health Free Online Course**

University of British Columbia's School of Environmental Health and Health Canada have developed a free online, on demand course titled *Outdoor Air Quality and Health and the Air Quality Health Index* targeted to health professionals. Health Canada estimates that 6,000 premature deaths per year in Canada are caused by air pollution. As well, many common respiratory conditions are exacerbated by poor air quality. To learn more about this course – available in French and English –

http://www.soeh.ubc.ca/continuing_Education/entrypage.html

■ **CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show – Quebec City, June 9-12, 2011**

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■ CSRT Education Conference – June 9 -12, 2011

The CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show will take place in the most historic part of Canada - **Quebec City**. The preliminary program will be available in January and will feature both national and international speakers in the following areas of practice: General Therapeutics and Diagnostics, Neonatal/Pediatrics, Critical Care, Homecare/Community Care, and Anesthesia Assistants. There will also be a Francophone education stream, as well as simultaneous interpretation during the Critical Care and Plenary sessions. Included with a full conference registration is access to complimentary social events including a Welcome Reception, Thursday evening; a fun night on Friday, and the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Saturday. These events will contribute in making 2011 the most memorable CSRT conference to date! Details will be posted on the CSRT website as they become available.

■ CSRT Membership Renewals – Just Around the Corner!

Are you ready for a challenge? For every new CSRT registered member you recruit, you will receive \$20 off your CSRT membership! Refer five RTs and your membership is **FREE!** The “Refer an RRT and Save” promotion will run from December 6th 2010 – March 31st 2011. **Also new this year** - you can renew your licensing fee with the CSRT online or by submitting a CSRT membership renewal form. CSRT will now forward payment directly to your regulatory college. No more cheques, no more hassle!

Student Members – Win a Set of Reference Manuals!

Students who have become members of the CSRT by December 15, 2010 are eligible to win a set of reference manuals written by Dana Oakes. The set of reference manuals includes:

- ABG Instructional Guide
- Clinical Practitioner's Pocket guide to Respiratory Care
- Hemodynamic Monitoring - A Bedside Reference Manual (2010 Edition)
- Hemodynamic Monitoring Studying Guide
- Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care (2009 Edition)
- Today's Critical Care Authority
- Ventilator Management – A Bedside Reference Guide (2009 Edition)

Membership renewals begin December 6th

http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/student_members.asp

Canadian Institutes of Health Research Appoints New Scientific Director

Dr. Jean L. Rouleau has been appointed Scientific Director of CIHR's Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH). Dr. Rouleau is Dean of the University of Montreal's Faculty of Medicine, and practices cardiology at the Montreal Heart Institute. He has served as a member of the CIHR Governing Council since 2005. A respected cardiologist and world-famous researcher, Dr. Rouleau previously taught at the University of Toronto and served as Director of the Cardiac Program and the cardiology departments at Toronto's University Health Network (UNH) and at Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Rouleau possesses a vast understanding of the worlds of teaching, research and care settings. He earned his M.D. degree from the University of Ottawa, and completed his clinical training at McGill University followed by postdoctoral research in San Francisco.

Canadian Board for Respiratory Care – Call for Applications

The CBRC is now accepting resumes for the position of Director at Large. This volunteer position has a time commitment of three years. Directors are responsible for

determining and executing corporate policy for this non-profit organization. Resumes can be sent in confidence to cbrc@cbrc.ca by April 30, 2011. More information is available at www.cbrc.ca

■ Respiratory Therapy Week 2010

From large urban centers to small rural clinics, RTs showed their pride in their profession and celebrated in style!

At **The Michener Institute**, in Toronto ON, the students and faculty raised \$400 for the Ontario Lung Association through a bake sale, 50-50 draw, peak flow and pulse oximetry monitoring, and whipped-cream pies tossed at faculty and staff. Other activities included a dodge-ball game, a pandemic game and the ever-popular RT Olympics. The week was filled with fun, laughter and pride. Second-year respiratory therapy students at The Michener took part in the "Stethoscope Ceremony". The students were addressed by the Chair, Fiona Cherryman, the VP Academic Sylvia Schippke, the President-elect of the RTSO, Dr. Mika Nonoyama and the CRTO Professional Practice Advisor Jennifer Harrison. Students recited the Respiratory Therapy oath which is based on "The CSRT Code of Ethics" and "A Yale Physician's Oath" and had their stethoscope placed around their necks by members of the faculty. It's a very proud moment for the students and faculty.



At **Conestoga College**, in Kitchener ON, first-year students researched a chosen discipline within the RT field and prepared a Poster Board. They took turns presenting their poster to fellow students and faculty. Second-year RT students researched a pathophysiology that RT's would have to help



A pig lung hooked up to a ventilator attracted lots of interest.

treat in the hospital setting and also took turns presenting their posters. Second-year students voted for their favourite first year poster. The winner was the Transport Team - Emily Ward, Sara Abbs, Marilyn Williams and Nicole Toner. First year students voted for their favourite second year poster. The winner was TEF - John Savery and Samuel Idemilili. Faculty also had a Poster Board that promoted the profession.

In **Edmonton**, AB, there was a collaborative event in honour of Respiratory Therapy Week. Everyone joined together as a group of RTs to promote the profession and lung health. Covenant Health in conjunction with a large number of stakeholders and a wide variety of respiratory related companies, held a "Spirometry Day". RTs welcomed and educated a great number of people on respiratory health related issues. Over 100 spirometry testings were performed, with some of participants commenting that they heard about the event on the radio and had traveled out of their way in order to be tested. Local graduates from Pulmonary Rehab showed their support and performed a mall walk to the delight of all. One RT commented that in her 30 years of practice, this was the first time she has seen "such a diverse and comprehensive display of respiratory health organizations within the community joining together in a public event to promote Respiratory Health". Each of the Edmonton hospitals also held events throughout the week offering teaching sessions, fun events and activities along with lots of food. To top off the week, Mayor Stephen Mandel, proclaimed the week of October 24-30, 2010 as Respiratory Therapy Week in Edmonton.

At the **Penticton Regional Hospital** in BC, the respiratory team organized several activities to celebrate and promote Respiratory Therapy for both the public and hospital staff. "RTs in Action" was the theme. A photo display was set up, in the main lobby of the hospital. RTs in the department performed various activities highlighting the role of acute and community



respiratory therapy. An article was submitted to two local newspapers describing life as respiratory therapist from the eyes of a new grad and recently registered therapist. The week ended with costumed RTs inviting hospital staff to a Halloween-themed open house, where refreshments were served and various educational stations set up throughout the department. It was a great success and the RT team did a great job of promoting respiratory therapy.



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■ Membership Renewals

CSRT membership renewals began on December 6th. Renewals online can also include regulatory body licensing fees. Please note that any renewals after March 31, 2011 will be subject to a \$15.00 late renewal fee. You can also choose to have your membership and fees automatically renewed every year. Renew your membership by March 30th, 2011 and have your name entered to ***win a 8GB iPod Touch***. Renew at:

<http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/index.asp>.

■ New Professional Liability Insurance Fees

The CSRT has once again secured new ***lower fees*** for members for 2011. In our ongoing efforts to provide value for membership – the CSRT has negotiated lower premiums for professional liability insurance, along with significant coverage enhancements. Make sure you have adequate coverage to protect yourself. A comparison chart can be found at

http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/pdf/PLI_Comparison-10-11.pdf.

■ Mobility Agreement Implemented

The members of the National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies are pleased to announce the implementation of an Agreement for the Registration of Respiratory Therapists from Unregulated Jurisdictions. The purpose of the Agreement is to promote labour mobility and the accessibility of respiratory therapists from unregulated jurisdictions to employment opportunities in six of the seven regulated provinces in keeping with the principles of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). The Alliance membership consists of organizations that have been given the legislative authority by provinces or territories for regulating the practice of respiratory therapy in

that jurisdiction and the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) representing the unregulated provinces. Details of this agreement can be found on the CSRT home page www.csrt.com.

CSRT Position Statement – Levels of Practice

The CSRT acknowledges that the practice of respiratory therapy has evolved quickly since its inception and that respiratory therapists may work in at various levels of practice. Today the profession faces many challenges, including shortages of health care professionals, an aging population, increased incidence of chronic respiratory disease, the introduction of new technology and challenges relative to patient access and the ability to provide quality and comprehensive respiratory care. Governments and health care organizations are demanding more collaborative, inter-professional and innovative respiratory care delivery systems to meet the diverse health needs of society.

As a result, the levels of practice must adapt to meet the needs of a complex health care delivery system. The CSRT has issued a position statement regarding the definition of levels of practice. You can view at

http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/position_statements.asp.

Alberta Workshop - "Putting Evidence into Practice"

The University of Alberta Evidence-based Practice Center will host the 6th "Putting Evidence into Practice" (PEP) Workshop in Edmonton, AB, February 24 - 26, 2011. Evidence-based practice involves applying evidence to clinical and policy decision making. Critical appraisal provides the tools to assess the quality of evidence in the medical literature and to determine the risks and benefits of different management strategies. Through this transdisciplinary workshop participants will work through relevant examples in order to develop skills in searching for and identifying appropriate evidence, critically appraising the evidence, and applying the evidence to their area of expertise. A condensed three-day systematic review course is also being offered. For more information - www.pep.ualberta.ca.

CSRT Past-President Receives RTSO President's Award

In September, Dan McPhee, CSRT Past-President was presented the RTSO President's Award for demonstration of Professionalism Compassion and Expert Knowledge above and beyond the call of duty as a respiratory therapist. Dan, with the assistance of two nurses, revived a gentleman in the community who had suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. They monitored his level of stability until an ambulance arrived to take him to hospital where he received an internal defibrillator and pacemaker. RTSO President, Rob Bryan highlighted the significance of the work of RTs and gave recognition to the important job of treating those treated.

Dan, as modest as ever, had this to say, "Not often am I short on words - but I missed an opportunity to tell our peers how lucky they are to have two great organizations out here working hard to promote and advance our profession – the RTSO and the CSRT. What I did in order to qualify to receive this award may seem like a small thing to practicing professionals - but it was everything for one man's life and his family. It can be hard for us to see that, but that is the reality behind why we are here. A last thought - let's get on the train for what we can accomplish together, rather than for where we'll be as individuals when we get off."

Fellows of the CSRT

The first cohort of the CSRT Fellowship program was approved by the CSRT Board of Directors in November of 2010. The individuals listed below may now add FCSRT to their professional designation. Congratulations!

*Daniel Adams
Gloria Agar
Jennifer Barchard
Julie Brown
Craig Campbell
Diane Collin
Angela Coxe
Stephane Delisle
Jeffrey Dmytrowich*

*Wrae Hill
Craig Hillier
Lise Horth Susin
Celia Hoy
Ray Hubble
Kevin Indergaard
Sue Jones
Jacob Krygier
Carole Lamothe*

*Jason Nickerson
Susan O'Neil
Richard Paradis
Amy Reid
Bert Reket
Steve Rogers
Chantale Roy
Valerie Shaver
Allan Shemanko*

Christina Dolgowicz
 Susan Doucette
 Suzane Doyon
 Roberta Dubois
 Doris Franklin
 Neeta Fraser
 Christopher Gagnon
 Elizabeth Goodfellow
 Chris Grant
 Susan Haskell

Susan M. Laskoski
 Michael Lemphers
 Sue Martin
 Darren Martsinkiw
 Shari McKeown
 Shelley Monkman
 Angela Morais
 Debra Morton
 Lisa Mostowy
 Virginia Myles

Connie Sivyer
 Zahra Sonawala
 Kathleen Spurr
 Angela Taylor
 Candina Thompson
 Leigh Walters
 Wade Wheeler
 Patricia Winton-Grey
 Natalie Wood

If you submitted an application for the Fellowship designation before November 1st and have not received a reply from the CSRT, please contact us at cmenard@csrt.com

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