

CSRT News



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CSRT/RTSO Joint Membership

The CSRT now offers a joint CSRT / RTSO membership to all Ontario RTs – at the same cost as the CSRT membership (\$175.00). The CSRT has just signed a 3-year agreement with the RTSO to offer joint membership from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014. Each organization remains independent and will continue to function according to its mandate. The CSRT will be the sole provider of professional liability insurance. An evaluation will be done prior to the renewal of the agreement to ensure the CSRT can continue providing our members with the best possible services and products.

Membership and renewal information can be found at:

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

Update on CSRT Poster Presentation Award Program – Deadline April 30, 2011

A new student category has been added to the 2011 Poster Presentations! This event will take place at the CSRT annual Education Conference and Trade Show, June 9 to 12, in Quebec City. A cash **prize of \$500.00** will be awarded to both Poster Presentation categories. Details on the updated criteria and entry forms can be found under *What's New* at www.csrt.com

CSRT Purchases Online Education Platform

Over the past year, the CSRT has been investigating the purchase of various on-line education platforms. We are happy to report that the CSRT has recently purchased the rights to the web site www.respiratoryresource.ca constructed by respiratory therapist Tom Piraino. The web site will continue to offer a public section that will include the current material already available on public websites. CSRT members will

have **exclusive access** to additional educational material for all areas of practice. This CSRT Members-Only section will include a catalogue of guidelines, policies, medical directives distributed through the professional practice listserv; case studies and case presentations; discussion forum tailored to the needs of each area of practice; new tutorials and video presentations of interest to each area of practice; respiratory therapy areas; reviews and discussions on current literature; monthly Webinar at an affordable price. Also included on this web site will be a platform to track education credits. The CSRT acknowledges the education grant provided by *Ikaria Canada Inc.* for this on-line education platform.

CSRT Partners With OPIQ for Access to Award-Winning On-line Education Platform

CSRT members will soon have access to the OPIQ on-line interactive course on Pulmonary Auscultation. The CSRT has finalized a partnership agreement with the Ordre des inhalothérapeutes du Québec. The OPIQ has developed an award winning on-line education platform and has agreed to provide access to CSRT members. The interactive pulmonary auscultation course is currently being translated into English. We will inform CSRT members as soon as translation has been completed and the access process completed.

Winners of Student Draw

The two students who won the “Critical Care Pack” of Dana Oakes reference manuals in the draw of Student members held on December 15, 2010 are:

- *Danielle Charlebois a student at the New Brunswick Community College*
- *Jeremy Fitt a student at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology*

CoARTE Update

At the annual CoARTE meeting held in November 2010, two Council members, Dr. Donald Reid and Ms. Lindsay Schroeder, ended their terms. The current members of the

Council are:

Carolyn McCoy, BHS, RRT (Chair), Instructor, RT Program, NBCC Saint John, NB – Respiratory Therapist Clinical Educator Representative

Susan Dunington, MA, RRT, (Vice-Chair) Professor – Respiratory Therapy and Anesthesia Assistants, The Michener Institute, Toronto, ON – Respiratory Therapist Didactic Educator Representative

Jo-Ann Aubut, M.Ed., B.Sc., Chair – Allied Health, Algonquin College, Ottawa, ON Senior Educational Administrator

Christina Sperling, RRT, Professional Practice Leader, Respiratory Therapy, St. Michael's Hospital

Bryan Buell – National Alliance of Regulatory Bodies Representative

Peter Murray, B.Ed. – Public Representative

Christiane Ménard (member ex-officio), CSRT Executive Director, Ottawa, ON – CSRT Representative

RT Helps Increase Profile of the Profession

Every day, in small ways, RTs are helping highlight the work of respiratory therapists. CSRT member Amy Massie is featured as part of an article regarding management of COPD at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Jacobs. See details at:

<http://www.therecord.com/news/local/article/302857--locals-breathe-easier-after-st-mary-s-expands-asthma-education>

CSRT National Exam Deadline – April 30, 2011

The next sitting of the National Exam will be July 4th, 2011. The deadline for application is April 30th. Please visit the CBRC site for details <http://www.cbrc.ca/>

CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show June 10- 12, 2011 – Quebec City , QC

Online Registration February 1, 2011

Early Bird Registration – Register by April 15th and have your name included for a draw of a JVC Camcorder

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CSRT New Distinguished Life Membership and Honorary Life Membership

The CSRT has created two new membership categories. The Distinguished Life Membership represents the highest form of recognition by one's peers. The Honorary Life Membership is conferred upon individuals who have provided meritorious service to the CSRT. Details on nomination and selection can be found at <http://www.csrt.com/en/about/awards.asp>.

CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show – June 10- 12, 2011

Early Bird Registration – Register by April 15th and have you name included for a draw of a JVC Camcorde

Register online at: <https://members.csrt.com/source/Events/ByDate.cfm?Section=unknown>

The CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show, being held in Quebec City, offers a wide variety of educational sessions that will provide RTs with professional development opportunities and as well as excellent venues for networking with colleagues and experts in the respiratory community. Streams include General therapeutics and Diagnostics, Neonatal/Pediatrics, Critical Care, Homecare/Community Care and Anesthesia Assistants, as well as a separate French stream. Simultaneous interpretation is provided for plenary sessions. Check the website for the preliminary program and a full rundown of activities, including receptions, Fun Night, President's Banquet and the Annual RT Run for Research http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp.

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■ **Canadian Thoracic Society Updates Guidelines on Sleep Apnea**

The Canadian Thoracic Society (CTS) Sleep Disordered Breathing Committee is proud to announce an update to the 2006 guideline "Diagnosis and treatment of sleep disordered breathing". The update provides evidence-based recommendations on the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disordered breathing for physicians and health care teams involved in the care of patients with sleep disordered breathing, and addresses the following topics:

- wait times
- portable monitoring
- treatment of asymptomatic adult obstructive sleep apnea
- treatment with conventional continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) vs. automatic CPAP
- treatment of central sleep apnea syndrome in heart failure patients
- bariatric surgery
- complex sleep apnea
- optimum positive airway pressure technologies

Details can be found at: <http://www.respiratoryguidelines.ca/cts-2011-guideline-update-diagnosis-and-treatment-of-sleep-disordered-breathing>

■ **Dalhousie University School of Health Sciences AA Certificate Program**

The School of Health Sciences at Dalhousie University, NS, offers a 21-credit hour certificate program in Anaesthesia Assistant. Three courses are offered online in the Fall term which include Anaesthesia and Related Equipment, Anaesthesia Medication Delivery and Clinical

Anaesthesia. During the winter term students will complete a clinical practicum at a site of their choosing that meets the site criteria of the School. Admission to the program is open to registered Respiratory Therapists who have completed at least two years work experience in their profession. Interested applicants will apply for entry to the Bachelor of Health Science Post Diploma program and may choose to complete the AA certificate program only or continue studying online to earn a BHSc degree. Applications must be received by April 15, 2011. An Anaesthesia Assistant is a registered Respiratory Therapist with advanced training in the preparation, assessment, medication delivery and monitoring of the patient during the pre-operative, peri-operative and post-operative periods. The Anaesthesia Assistant is able to provide both technical and clinical assistance to the anesthetist. For more information please visit website www.dal.ca/shs or contact the post diploma advisor wendy.terrisklaus@dal.ca.



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



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■ **Aviod late fees! Membership deadline extended – April 10, 2011**

Last chance to avoid late fees for your membership renewal! The deadline has been extended to **April 10, 9PM**. Any renewals received after that date will be subject to a \$15 late fee

■ **New CSRT on-line credit tracking system now available**

CSRT now offers a new service to members. CSRT members have access to a convenient online platform to track professional development credits. This credit tracking tool can be updated by members throughout the year, as they pursue their professional development activities. It can be found in the Members-only portion of the website at http://www.csrt.com/members/update_credits.asp

■ **New content on respiratoryresource.ca**

A complimentary webinar for CSRT members will take place Wednesday, April 20, 2011 2PM EST

Title: Analyzing the Data: A Guide to Reading, Interpreting, and Critiquing Research Articles

Learning Objectives

1. Learn the typical structure of a research article
2. Learn terminology used to present data
3. Learn the importance of the discussion section of a research paper
4. Learn to critique research design and data

To sign up for this webinar, visit the Members-Only section of the CSRT website at:

<http://www.csrt.com/en/login.asp>

New content on the site includes:

- Links to many new articles
- Past webinars can now be viewed online
- New case study in *Critical Care*
- New content added to *Neonatal/Pediatrics Guidelines and Policies*
- All of the discussion forum links to different areas of practice can be found on one page
- Pages available that show all of the discussion updates as well as site content and changes
- Members can post comments and start discussion on each past webinar that is posted

CSRT AGM

The CSRT Annual General Business Meeting will take place on Friday, June 10, 2011, 11:00 to 12:00, at the Quebec City Convention Center, Room 200A, Quebec City, QC. Current Registered/Honourary Members of the Society, in good standing, are entitled to vote in person at the meeting or by appointment of a 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, June 3, 2011. Forms will be available on the CSRT website.

Early Bird registration deadline for CSRT Conference

You still have time to have your name entered for a draw for a JVC Camcorder in the Early Bird Registration! Deadline – Register by April 15

Register online at: <https://members.csrt.com/source/Events/ByDate.cfm?Section=unknown>

To view preliminary program and social activities, including receptions, Fun Night, President's Banquet and the Annual RT Run for Research -

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

Join us in Quebec City – June 9 – 12, 2011!

CSRT / CAREstream Student Excellence Award

The CSRT is proud to partner with CAREstream Medical Ltd., to provide recognition to students in the 21 educational programs across Canada. 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 an 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 of students who will become leaders in advancing the profession in the future. Selection of winners is made in consultation with each education program.

CoARTE update

The Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education (CoARTE) completed the accreditation visit to Rosemont College in February. It was the program's first accreditation by the council. There will be an accreditation review held at Vanier College (second accreditation by CoARTE) in April, 2011. We are grateful to the program reviewers who represent CoARTE on the accreditation visits. Thank you to the participants at the Rosemont College visit - Dianne Levesque (NB), Caroline Gagnon

(QC), Michèle Tremblay (QC), Jackie Bernard (ON); and for the Vanier College visit - Carolyn McCoy (NB), Michael Bachynsky (MB), Sharon Peters (NL), Jocelyn Forseille (AB).

Volunteer Opportunities

CoARTE is recruiting physicians and senior administrators who are qualified and interested in serving on the CoARTE council. These dedicated professionals should have an interest in the profession of respiratory therapy and an involvement in the educational environment. The mandate is for two years, renewable once. The time commitment includes participation in one face-to-face meeting each spring (usually held in Ottawa or Toronto); approximately four teleconferences a year and regular communication by email. Individuals will also be required to review various accreditation documents throughout the year. If you are aware of a physician who routinely works with respiratory therapists and understands the requirements of the profession, and/or a senior administrator (dean, associate dean, chair, vice-chair, etc.), involved in allied health programs, who might be interested in supporting the Council in this volunteer activity, please contact the Accreditation Manager, Milena Cotinghi, at mcotinghi@csrt.com

■ Application deadline for national certification exam – July 4, 2011

Individuals wishing to write the national certification exam in July 2011, must apply by April 30, 2011. Candidate information and applications forms can be found at <http://www.cbrc.ca/>

Deadline extended for Conference Poster Abstracts – May 20, 2011

The CSRT has extended deadline for submission of abstracts for poster presentations at the Education Conference until *May 20th, 2011*. **Two cash prizes of \$500.00** will be awarded - one for the best RT Poster and one for the best Student Poster.

The new student category is a valuable vehicle that allows RT students to strengthen their

research and presentation skills and to share their expertise and research with classmates, colleagues and associates. The 2011 Poster Presentations will take place as part of the CSRT annual Education Conference, June 11, in Quebec City, at the Quebec City Convention Centre. Students do not need to be present and can delegate someone to mount their poster. Posters will be on display for the duration of the conference. You may apply online at http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp



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CSRT Education Conference June 9-12, 2011 – Quebec City, QC

Winner of the Early Bird Draw

The winner of the JVC Camcorder is *Andrea Craig* of Ottawa, who won the draw by registering for the conference before the Early Bird deadline of April 15th.

Abstract Deadline for Poster Presentations – May 20, 2011

The deadline for submitting your abstract for poster presentation for the CSRT Conference is May 20, 2011. Cash prizes of \$500.00 for each category are available – Best Student Poster and Best RT Poster. Details can be found at http://www.csrt.com/en/poster_awards.asp or by calling 800-267-3422 ex 223.

Internet Café Available at Conference

Trudell Medical Marketing Limited (TMML) is the sponsor of the *Internet Café* at the 2011 CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show. Over the years, TMML has supported the respiratory therapy profession and the CSRT through advertising and sponsorship. Their commitment continues with the support and promotion of the Internet Café at this year's conference and trade show. The Trudell Medical Marketing Limited booth, located beside the Internet Café, will feature VapoTherm's high-flow oxygen therapy technology, Precision Flow®. Drop by Booth #31 to learn about Precision Flow® and FLOW FIRST™! See you there! www.tmml.com

Product Sessions - Friday June 10, 2011 – 13:15 to 14:00

Our industry partners are providing complimentary product information sessions. The CSRT encourages you to attend a session and support our partners and learn what's new in the industry.

Cardinal Health

Title: Clinical Use of Transpulmonary Pressure Monitoring

Speaker: Tom Piraino RRT, Best Practice Clinical Educator, St. Josephs Healthcare Hamilton, ON and CSRT Respiratory Resource Web page administrator.

Learning Objectives:

- To understand transpulmonary pressure as it relates to mechanical ventilation
- To learn the clinical uses for transpulmonary pressure
- To learn how to perform measurements on the Avea Ventilator
- To review case scenarios that utilized transpulmonary pressure measurements.

Covidien

Title: How PAV+ Changed our Difficult Wean

Speaker: Jason Zurba, RRT, Clinical Supervisor, Royal Columbian Hospital

Learning Objectives:

- To describe the problems with Pressure Support that lead to asynchrony and an unreliable respiratory workload
- To overview the challenges of changing our ventilation philosophy in adopting PAV+
- To discuss our experience of using PAV+ in a variety of different patient populations
- To outline our new “wildly successful” Difficult Weaning Protocol using PAV+ on the PB840 Ventilator.

Talecris

Title: Alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency: pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment

Speaker: Dr. Celine Bergeron, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Montreal; Pneumologist, CHUM

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the pathophysiology of emphysema with alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency
- To review the American and European guidelines on emphysema by deficiency of alpha1-antitrypsin
- To know the investigation of the deficiency of alpha1-antitrypsin
- To explain the treatment options offered in Canada to Alpha1 patients
- To review the main clinical evidence in patients treated by alpha1-antitrypsin.

CSRT Annual General Meeting

The CSRT Annual General Business Meeting will take place, Friday, June 10, 2011 at the Quebec City Convention Centre, Room 200A, 900 Blvd Rene-Levesque E., Quebec City, QC. If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may complete a proxy form and return by mail or fax to the CSRT office by Friday June 3, 2011. Details on motions and proxy form can be found on the CSRT website, in the *Members-Only* section. Forms can be obtained by calling 800-267-3422.

CSRT RT: Vent Ratio Survey for Managers and Leaders

The CSRT is requesting the assistance of managers and leaders in respiratory therapy in completing a survey on vent to RT ratio in the intensive care units. The survey is available on the “Survey Monkey” platform until *May 15, 2011* at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XL6NYBK>. The survey is specific to the RT profession. The results will provide solid baseline data for the profession that can be used as the basis for the development of position statements and for the implementation of larger interprofessional projects. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes.

CoARTE Update

CoARTE has just finished the accreditation visit at Vanier College, in Montreal, Quebec. CoARTE would like to thank the Respiratory and Anaesthesia Technology program and the senior administration for their excellent cooperation. Members of the review team

were led by team leader Carolyn McCoy, instructor, NBCC, Saint John, NB; Sharon Peters, critical care physician, St. John's, NL; Michael Bachynsky, RRT, Winnipeg, MB; Jocelyn Forseille, Chair, NAIT, Edmonton, AB; Milena Cotinghi, accreditation manager, CSRT/CoARTE, Ottawa, ON.

iPod Winner for Membership Renewal

Shiyuan Zeng of Markham ON won the iPod for renewing her membership before the April 10th deadline. She has been a member since 2008. Congratulations Shiyuan!

New content on respiratoryresource.ca

Keep informed! There is always something new on the Respiratory Resource section of the CSRT website. Signing up is easy. If you are a CSRT member simply log on to the *Members-Only* section and go to Respiratory Resource. Create a username and password and you are in! Watch for upcoming complimentary webinars, check out the tutorials, discussion updates and new information on the site. The latest content added to the section includes new guidelines, policies, and presentations in the Critical Care section; and new article links in the Critical Care and Neonatal section. Videos of past Webinars can now be viewed, and comments/discussion can be started for each.

Difficulties With Webinar Reception?

If you are experiencing difficulties connecting to the Respiratory Resource webinar, please contact rhansen@csrt.com and describe your issues. We are exploring options to identify a cost-effective universal platform.

Some members using the Respiratory Resource site have reported difficulties with the webinars (hosted by Fuze Meeting). In most cases this can be resolved by using an updated browser, or getting an Adobe Flash update. Some hospitals may be blocking certain internet ports - specifically the IS department. The ports used by Fuze Meeting are common to most Webinar hosting solutions.

The Fuze system requirements are:

- Operating systems are supported by Fuze Meeting
- Fuze Meeting is universally compatible with Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Mac OS X, SUSE, and Red Hat Linux. Screen sharing is compatible with Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 and Mac OS X Leopard and above (Intel-only).
- Browsers are supported by Fuze Meeting
- Fuze Meeting is compatible with most major browsers including Internet Explorer 7 & 8, Firefox 2 & 3, Safari 4 & 5, Google Chrome, and Opera.
- Ports are used by Fuze Meeting

Fuze Meeting communicates on ports 80 and 443. Please make sure these ports are open in your firewall or you may have trouble starting meetings or using Fuze Messenger.

■ CSRT Joins *Improving Care Search Centre*

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute has launched *Improving Care Search Centre* - a Google-like search centre which will allow visitors to search for patient safety related content that is generated and shared by all. The CSRT has a vested interest in patient safety and has joined the Improving Care Alliance in order to provide visitors to the Improving Care Search Centre with access to the best information. Details at <http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/ENGLISH/Pages/default.aspx>.



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CSRT Education Conference Highlights

The CSRT annual Education Conference and Trade Show, held in Quebec City, was a great success with 413 conference delegates. Along with excellent educational sessions in each area of practice, the CSRT offered opportunities to network with exhibitors and enjoy other activities. Speakers who have given permission, have their presentations posted on the csrt website at: http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp

A very special merci to the **Quebec Program Committee**. Program Chair Louis Phillip Belle-Isle was supported by dedicated volunteers in the development of the program - Ruby Bedi from Montreal; Pina Diana from Montreal; Mélanie Grondin from Québec; Frances Harvey from Montreal; Linda Lessard from Québec; Claire Parent from Québec and Rita Troini from Montreal.

Delegates were encouraged to review the **Poster Presentation** submissions presented in the Exhibit hall. The winner of the best Student RT Poster was Thomas Fudge, of Winnipeg MB, for his poster titled "The 2009 H1N1 Pandemic: An Evaluation of Planning and Management Strategies". There were four entries in this category. The winner of the best RT Poster was Julia Infantino of Stouffville, ON, for her poster titled "Securing Endotracheal Tubes in Neonates: An Audit After Modification of Practice". There were nine entries in this category. Winners received a \$500.00 cash prize. The student prize was sponsored by CJRT Editorial Board member, Dr. Peter Papadakos. **All conference abstracts will be in the summer issue of the CJRT.**

The CSRT ***Airway Olympics Sputum Cup Challenge*** was, as always, well attended as teams tried to beat the six-second intubation record. The winning team, *IN2B8U*, won with a final time of 8.56 seconds. Stephanie Cuerrier (left) and Daniel Doucette (right) of Edmondson, NB took home the Sputum Cup. Rick Paradis (centre) moderated the event.



Airway Olympics Sputum Cup

The Sunday morning ***RT Run for Research*** was held June 12th with seven participants running the damp 3KM loop around historic landmarks in old Quebec. Sandy Saulac of Toronto, ON, was the winner of the 8GB iPod Touch, for collecting the most pledges. A total of \$630.00 was collected, which will help support RT's who are doing research and encourage professional development.

■ CSRT Professional Awards

2011 Robert Merry Lecturer Award

Gil Virgilio was the keynote speaker at the opening plenary of the CSRT Conference on June 10th. His lecture was titled "The Impact of Quality Management and Patient Safety Movement on the Practice of Respiratory Therapy." Gil (left) receives the Robert Merry Lecturer Award from Michael Solomita of Roxon Medi-Tech who cosponsor the award with Nonin.



The 2012 Robert Merry Lecturer will be Pina Diana of LaSalle QC. She will deliver her lecture at the 2012 conference in Vancouver, BC.

2011 Colya Kaminiaz Professional Achievement and Education Award

The recipient of this award is Yvon Dupuis of London, ON. Yvon has dedicated 30 years to education at Fanshawe College and also played an active role on the Editorial Board of the CJRT. He is a published author and a strong supporter of the CSRT. This award is sponsored by Praxair Healthcare/Medigas.



***CSRT Director Dennis Hunter (left) and Jan Taylor, of Praxair Healthcare/Medigas (right),
present Yvon Dupuis with the Colya Kaminiaz Professional Achievement Award***

Honorary Life Membership

Dr. Peter Papadakos received an Honorary Life Membership for his long-standing support and meritorious service to the CSRT. Dr. Papadakos, an anaesthesiologist and Associate Professor at the University of Rochester, is an active member of the Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy. He has been a speaker at the CSRT Conference on numerous occasions and has made significant contributions to enhance the CSRT poster presentation program, including as a judge for posters. He has also provided the prize for the best Student RT Poster at the conference this year.



***Dr. Peter Papadakos accepts his Honorary Life Membership
from CSRT President Michael Lemphers***

CSRT President's Award

The staff and students of Thompson Rivers University were the recipients of this award. The President, Michael Lemphers, recognized the support of the students and faculty of the TRU Respiratory Program for their support during his tenure as President of the CSRT. He thanked them for their patience as he revised schedules and took time out from classes to attend to CSRT matters. This award is sponsored by *Trudell Medical Marketing Ltd.*

Student Awards

CSRT Student Achievement Award Winners

The CSRT Student Achievement Medals are awarded to students who have achieved the highest marks on their first writing of the 2010 national examination, within 18 months of graduation. The 2011 winners are:

GOLD – Calvin Loewen, AB_

SILVER – Emily Chiu, BC_

BRONZE – (Tied) Rinko DeVito, ON
Melissa Herauf, SK



Calvin Loewen, of NAIT (left) accepts the Gold CSRT Student Achievement Award from CSRT President Michael Lemphers

CSRT /CAREstream Student Excellence Award Winners

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.



Emily Chiu of TRU accepts her CSRT/CAREstream Award from Alain Jacob of CAREStream Medical Ltd., (left) and CSRT President Michael Lemphers (right)

Melissa Field, College of the North Atlantic, NL

Sara Kristin Kohler, New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) - Saint John, NB

Jenny Macdonald, College communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (C.C.N.B.), campus Dieppe, NB

Lisa Marie Bates, QEII/Dalhousie School of Health Sciences, NS

Shaun Edgar Lockhart, Vanier College, QC

Nathalie Roberge, Le Collège de Rosemont, QC

Myriam De Serres, Le Cégep de Ste-Foy, QC

Pascal Daigle, Le Cégep de Sherbrooke, QC

Pierre-Marc Doyon, Collège Ellis, QC

Kathleen Larouche, Cégep de Chicoutimi, QC

Ileana Diaz, Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology, ON

Pierre Tétrault, La Cite Collegiale-College d'arts appliques et de technologie, ON

Alexandra Brazeau, Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology, ON

Cindy Hook, Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology, ON

Kyla M. Rubenstein, Conestoga College Institute of Technology, ON

John Michaels, The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences, ON

Phucquoc Mai, University of Manitoba-School of Medical Rehabilitation, MB

Calvin Loewen, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology,

AB

Chelsea Francis, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, AB

Emily Chiu, Thompson Rivers University, BC

CSRT Annual General Business Meeting

The AGM took place Friday, June 10, 2011 at the Quebec City Convention Centre, QC. The membership voted on motions for changes to the CSRT bylaws, which included - changes to the composition of the Board of Directors; elimination of the House of Delegates and specialty groups; elimination of Section IV on discipline from the CSRT; and an increase in associate membership dues. These changes have been forwarded to Industry Canada for approval. The CSRT 2010 Annual Report is posted in the Members-

Only section of the website. Changes to the bylaws can be reviewed at <http://www.csrt.com/en/about/bylaws.asp>. The AGM door prize of a JVC Camcorder was won by Ted Yachemetz of Manitoba.

Introducing the CSRT Board of Directors 2011-2012



(Back row left to right) Director Christina Dolgowicz (Smiths Falls, ON); Director Cynthia Welton (Burlington, ON); Student Representative Krystle Hong (Edmonton, AB); Director Dennis Hunter (London, ON).

(Front row left to right) Past-President Michael Lemphers (Kamloops, BC); President James B. McCormick (Guelph, ON); Treasurer Jeff Dmytrowich (Saskatoon, SK); President-Elect Angela Coxe (Hamilton, ON)

New CSRT Fellows

The FCSRT professional designation is to recognize registered members of the CSRT who have made a significant and consistent contribution to the development of the science and profession of respiratory therapy and have made a commitment to lifelong learning. At its June 2011 meeting, the Board of Directors has approved the following individuals as Fellows of the CSRT. Congratulations to:

Mary Bayliss	Philip Lau	Wade Norquay
Debbie Cain	Shawna MacDonald	Valerie Stevenson
Helen Clark	Barbara MacDonald	Cynthia Welton
Susan Dunington	John McGrath	Patty Wickson

Pamela Kemp	Corrie Menon	Ted Yachemetz
Phoebe Lam	Larry Mudge	



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Call for Presenters - CSRT Conference in Vancouver 2012

The Chair of the Education Program Committee for the CSRT Education Conference is pleased to issue a special Invitation to respiratory therapists to submit proposals for presentation at the 2012 Conference in Vancouver. The Committee will consider abstracts for presentations from all areas of respiratory therapy practice. Our goal is to have the majority of education sessions delivered by respiratory therapists. Funding will be provided for transportation and accommodates as well as complimentary conference registration.

Deadline for submission is October 31, 2011

Details http://www.csrt.com/en/events/2012_conference.asp

This education event will take place at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver

Access to Campus OPIQ Educational Platform

The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) has partnered with the Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec (OPIQ) to give CSRT registered and associate members an exclusive access to the Campus OPIQ. Campus OPIQ is a virtual platform that supports RTs in the maintenance of their skills in an ever-changing clinical environment. Members can access the site in the “Members-Only” on the CSRT website home page.

New CoARTE Members

The CoARTE Council welcomes two new members - Sharon Peters, Vice Dean, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Faculty of Medicine, St. John's, NL as the Physician Representative; Michael Sendbuehler, Dean, Faculty of Careers and Technical Programs, Vanier College, Montreal, QC as the Senior Educational Administrator Representative. CoARTE is grateful to all members for their commitment to these volunteer positions.

2011 Speaker Presentations Now Available

Speakers' presentations from the 2011 Conference in Quebec City, are now posted on the CSRT website at http://www.csrt.com/en/events/trade_show.asp.

What's New at Respiratoryresource.ca

You might notice some site redesign in Respiratory Resource. Efforts are underway to consolidate content for easier navigation.

- Now available - recording of July 20th Webinar: *The Clinical Application of Transpulmonary Pressure* presented by Tom Piraino RRT
- New studies available on in-door air pollution and the link to high blood pressure; the link between master molecule of the immune system and asthma; botox for asthma patients
- Directed-reading paper Update in Neonatal and Pediatric Mechanical Ventilation: Patient Ventilator Interactions

New Links Under Catalogue of Guidelines

New links for anesthesia care can be found for the following guidelines in the Members-Only section of the CSRT website:

- *A Plan to Evolve the Anesthesia Care Team Model in Ontario*
- *Practice Advisory on Anesthetic Care for Magnetic Resonance Imaging*

RT Provides Emergency Medical Assistance

On Sunday, July 17th, Pamela Cogan, an RRT from the Ottawa Hospital, took a lead role in providing medical attention when a violent wind storm collapsed the main stage at the Ottawa Bluesfest. Pamela reported that a pole broke off the back of the stage and struck the driver for the band that was performing at the time. She was standing about three metres from the stage when the storm hit.

“I held his head until I got him into the ambulance,” said Pamela, who is trained in first aid. He suffered head and leg injuries and a cut on his stomach, but was later released from hospital. “I can’t understand how people on the stage weren’t hurt,” she said. Thousands of people were attending the outdoor concert, but only three people suffered injuries.

Raising Funds to Assist Impoverished Guatemalans

Two New Brunswick RTs are fundraising to travel with a medical team to small Guatemalan communities to assist in primary health initiatives. RTs Mireille Dubé and Christine Albert will travel from Moncton with Careforce International to bring humanitarian aid to needy populations around Guatemala City. Donations are gratefully accepted and tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.00. Information on Careforce International can be found at:

<http://www.careforceinternational.ca/where-we-work/canada>.

You can mail your cheque (payable to Careforce International) to:
Mireille Dube & Christine Albert
96 Connaught Ave.,
Moncton NB E1C 3P2

Thank You to Our Industry Partners

The CSRT extends its thanks and appreciation to our industry partners for providing sponsorship through educational grants for our annual Education Conference and Trade Show.

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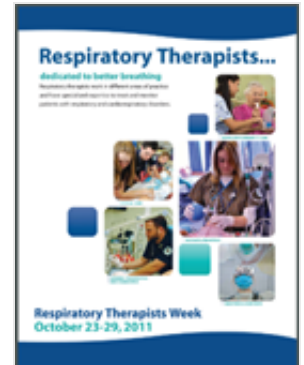
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■ RT Week – October 23 to 29, 2011

Respiratory Therapists Week is coming up fast! Do you have your promotional materials from the CSRT? We offer a variety of complimentary materials to CSRT members to help you celebrate your profession. ***Materials are limited and complimentary shipping will apply only to orders received before September 23.*** For information on ordering supplies and great ideas on how to promote the profession, visit

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



■ New CSRT Board Structure

The CSRT membership voted in June to change the structure of the Board of Directors from an operational board, to one that reflects a board that has a competency/clinical/policy driven structure. The CSRT will strive to fulfill this new profile with regional representation, combined with representation for each area of practice (neonatology, critical care, chronic disease management, anesthesia, education, leadership/management, student, industry). This structure will include the flexibility to add positions for registered members-at-large to fulfill the profile. The maximum number of Board members is ten. Details on this amendment can be found at <http://www.csrt.com/en/about/bylaws.asp>. There will be a call for nominations in early October.

■ Call for Nominations for CSRT Awards – deadline November 15, 2011

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 2013 Robert Merry Lecturer Award. The 2013 conference will be held in Niagara Falls, ON. This award is sponsored in part by Roxon Medi-Tech and Nonin.

The 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 2012 Education Conference, being held in Vancouver, BC. This award is sponsored by Praxair Healthcare/Medigas.

Criteria and nomination forms can be found at:

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What's New at Respiratoryresource.ca

The ever-increasing popularity of Respiratory Resource webinars has resulted in a capacity audience at the

August 5th webinar on *Asynchrony During Mechanical Ventilation*. All fifty lines were reserved within a week. For future webinars, please book your line early to avoid disappointment.

- Links to New WHO Guidelines on TB Management; Mold and Asthma Risk; New COPD Guidelines; Three New Susceptibility Loci for Adult Asthma; CT Shows Changes in Lungs Tied to COPD Flare-ups; Home Mechanical Ventilation
- Newly archived webinar available - *Asynchrony During Mechanical Ventilation*
- Discussion Forum Updates include comments on ventilators, respiratory Apps, ETT ties and tapes as well as procedural sedation in ED.

Call for Reviewers for the CJRT

The Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy invites interested parties to consider volunteering as a peer reviewer for the CJRT. Peer reviewers are required to objectively evaluate the suitability of manuscripts for publication in the CJRT. Every year the CJRT receives between 25 and 35 articles on a broad range of respiratory topics. Reviewers would be required to commit to approximately 20 hours a year. Individuals with knowledge of the editorial process, and an interest in providing constructive feedback to authors, are asked to submit a letter outlining their experience to Rita Hansen, rhansen@csrt.com. Please include your area(s) of expertise and interest.

Another New Benefit for Members - Oakes' Books Online

The CSRT is pleased to announce that we have negotiated a special CSRT Members-Only rate for a one-year online membership (starting September 6, 2011) to *Oakes Respiratory Update – The Critical Care Library*. Membership includes access to Oakes' Books latest release www.RespiratoryUpdate.com. Your cost will be \$19.95 (current cost is \$25.99).

A one-year membership includes:

- Access to the Expanded 2011 Versions of Oakes' Critical Care Library, including:
 - Oakes' Clinical Practitioner's Pocket Guide (the Blue Book)
 - Oakes' Ventilator Management
 - Oakes' ABG Pocket Guide (Fall, 2011)
 - Oakes' ABG Instructional Guide (Fall, 2011)
 - Oakes' Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Guide (Fall, 2011)
 - Oakes' Hemodynamic Monitoring (Fall, 2011)
 - Oakes' Respiratory Home Care (Fall, 2011)
- Full access to all of the Oakes' Hand-Picked resources - HUNDREDS of free Internet resources related to topics all through Oakes' Books (including Evidence-Based Guidelines, Tutorials, PowerPoints, etc.)
- Forums - these are professionally monitored forums for all levels, from seasoned therapists to students!
- Blogs, including the option to have educational blogs emailed to you.

To sign-up for an account - log into CSRT Members-Only on the website and click on Oakes RespiratoryUpdate.com. Please note - you MUST register using the special link provided, in order to get the discount.

New Guideline on Home Mechanical Ventilation

The Canadian Thoracic Society Home Mechanical Ventilation (HMV) Clinical Assembly has released the first Canadian guideline on HMV, "*Home Mechanical Ventilation: A Canadian Thoracic Society Clinical Practice Guideline*". The guideline provides evidence-based recommendations on the assessment and management of individuals requiring non-invasive or invasive HMV. It addresses general topics such as ethics, airway clearance, and transition to home. Details and be found at:

<http://www.respiratoryguidelines.ca/2011-cts-guideline-hmv>.



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Call for Nominations for CSRT Board - Deadline November 4, 2011

The CSRT is accepting applications from members for volunteer positions as Directors on the Board of Directors. The new Board structure, approved at the June AGM, will include regional representation and representation from each area of practice. CSRT members are encouraged to apply and help shape the future of the Society and the direction of the profession. Details and nomination form at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/about/board_directors.asp

Respiratory Therapists Week – October 23 to 29, 2011

Looking for ideas on how to promote your profession for RT Week? For information and great ideas visit http://www.csrt.com/en/events/rt_week.asp. Don't forget to bring out your camera. Send us photos and a description of your RT Week activities. We will highlight some events in the newsletter and on the website. Send them to rhansen@csrt.com. There are still limited promotional products available to CSRT members.

CBRC Examination Application Deadline

The deadline to apply to write the January 4, 2012 national exam is **November 15, 2011**. For details, please visit www.cbrc.ca/

Call for Nominations for CSRT Awards – Deadline November 15, 2011

Do you know someone who deserves the recognition of their peers? Nominations for CSRT awards are now being accepted in the following categories:

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What's New at Respiratoryresource.ca

- New webinar available “The Use and Application of Nitric Oxide: A Review of The Data”
- Links to video on “High Frequency Oscillation Videos from Children's Hospital Boston Awake Intubation”
- 2011 CTS Guideline: Home Mechanical Ventilation
- Seven directed reading articles with tests to received education credits

Campus OPIQ Offers More Online Courses

An updated list on online courses and directed readings is available through the Campus OPIQ site.

New courses:

- OPIQ-501: Pneumothorax chez l'enfant
- OPIQ-503: Les mots qui donnent du souffle !

New directed-readings are:

- « L'oxygénothérapie chez le patient atteint de MPOC – Faire davantage confiance à Mère Nature »
- « High flow therapy and oxygenation »

Submissions Accepted to Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy

The CJRT accepts submission of original articles, papers, commentaries, case studies, literature reviews, letters to the editor and directed reading papers. All manuscripts are peer-reviewed. First-time authors are encouraged to submit and get started on their publishing career. A special edition of the CJRT will be presented next summer with a focus on access to respiratory therapy in difficult patient populations or unique settings and circumstances. We welcome international manuscripts and encourage papers reporting on distinctive projects.

Details on content requirements and submissions at

<http://www.csrt.com/en/publications/journal.asp>. For additional information or to submit an article, please contact: Rita Hansen rhansen@csrt.com

Canadian Patient Safety Institute New Safety Alerts

The CPSI has added new alert summaries to Global Patient Safety Alerts. Now you can search over 650 patient safety alerts and over 3,400 recommended actions to reduce risk and strengthen your patient safety and patient quality programs. New information added on a continuous basis. For more details, visit:

<http://www.globalpatientsafetyalerts.com/English/Pages/default.aspx>

10th Canadian Network for Respiratory Care Conference

The National Respiratory Care and Education Conference – ASER 10, will be held at the Hilton Lac-Leamy in Gatineau, Quebec on November 10-12, 2011. The theme of the conference is “Celebrating Our Past: Embracing Our Future”. Details at

www.cnrchome.net.

■ National Study on the Quality of Stroke Care in Canada

A major national Canadian study on the quality of stroke care released by the Canadian Stroke Network finds that there is significant work to be done to improve prevention, treatment and recovery from stroke. For details check:

www.canadianstrokenetwork.ca.

■ 2011 Simulation Summit – November 3-5, 2011

The Royal College, in conjunction with McGill University and the Arnold and Blema Steinberg Medical Simulation Centre will hold the 2011 Simulation Summit, November 3-4, 2011 at the Montreal Marriott Château Champlain. This 2-1/2 day conference explores the theme Interprofessional Teams and is directed to simulation educators and researchers. The program promotes scholarly based research of simulation standards in real-world applications. Details at: <http://www.royalcollege.ca/simulation>.

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Respiratory therapists are invited to submit proposals for presentation

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Nominations for CSRT Board of Directors

Consider investing in leadership opportunities for yourself while serving your profession as a member of the CSRT Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors improve their skills and knowledge by participating in the development of policy and the critical analysis of professional practice issues. These volunteer positions are a valuable career tool that will provide networking opportunities and create life-long professional contacts. It is a great way to enrich your résumé. The deadline for nominations is November 4th. Details can be found at

http://www.csrt.com/en/about/board_directors.asp

CBRC Examination Change of Date

The date of the writing of the CBRC National Exam has been changed to ***Wednesday, January 4, 2012***. The deadline for application to write is November 15, 2011. For details, please visit www.cbrc.ca/

CSRT Awards Nomination Deadline – November 15th

There is still time to nominate a well-deserving member of your RT community for CSRT awards. Nominations are being accepted for the Robert Merry Lecturer Award and the Colya Kaminiarz Professional Achievement and Education Award. Details at

<http://www.csrt.com/en/about/awards.asp>

Respiratory Therapists Week

How did you celebrate RT Week? Send us photos and a description of your RT Week activities. We will highlight some events in the newsletter and on the website. Send to rhansen@csrt.com.

What's New at Respiratoryresource.ca

- Links to videos on Spirometry High Frequency Oscillation Videos from Children's Hospital
- Tutorial on *Transpulmonary Pressure Demonstration - The Use of Esophageal Pressure Measurements to Guide Mechanical Ventilation Inspiratory Flow Waveforms Pressure Controlled Ventilation*
- Presentation on *Optimizing PEEP – What we know today*
- Discussion on difficult to wean patients

CoARTE Update

The next accreditation visit will be at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC, in November 2011. We thank the volunteers: Susan Dunington, Joel MacPherson, Joan Degan, Louise Michaud and Dr. Donald Reid for their work and commitment on this visit.

Social Media Survey Monkey

The CSRT continues to expand its services to members and requests you take a minute to fill in the 2-question survey found here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HLNKZGF>

The CSRT Endorses Canadian Patient Safety Week

The CSRT has endorsed Canadian Patient Safety Week which is being promoted by the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. This annual national event, from *October 31 to November 4, 2011*, aims to increase awareness of patient safety issues and share information about best practices in patient safety with healthcare providers, patients and their families. Details can be found at

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

CSRT Membership Renewal Starts Soon

Membership renewal for the 2012-2013 year will begin in early December. Please visit our website for updates. Renewal email reminders will be sent to members who have not signed up for automatic renewals.

Respiratory Therapists Without Borders

Respiratory Therapists Without Borders (RTWB) is a newly formed group of RT's seeking to make a difference! While still in its infancy, RTWB is developing quickly as a not-for-profit group of RT's and related allied health professionals. RTWB is committed to working together to educate and assist those in other countries and remote national communities that may have limited access to critical care and chronic disease management programs. The goal is to educate health care staff in these areas to allow them to provide current and consistent care to the populations they serve.

Organizers are seeking input from the RT's of Canada. What direction and mandate do you feel would be most appropriate? As an RT or health care professional, would you be willing to undertake a placement mission? Would you be willing to be a dedicated volunteer? Currently organizers are working towards RTWB becoming a registered charity. Visit the website at www.rtwb.ca for the latest information.

Oakes Respiratory Update

To date, 18 CSRT members have taken advantage of the discounted rates offered by Oakes Respiratory Update. Access to the site and discounts on the latest releases in the Critical Care Library can be made through the Members-Only section of the CSRT website.

Quality Worklife-Quality Healthcare Collaborative Accepting Submissions

The Quality Worklife-Quality Healthcare Collaborative (QWQHC) invites brief proposal submissions to present an exhibit, poster and/or concurrent session at its 6th Annual

Summit, “Mastering the Art and Science of Healthy Work Environments: Celebrating Successes and Inspiring Future Directions”, being held in Vancouver, British Columbia on March 1-2, 2012. The Summit provides an excellent venue for learning, networking and information sharing with colleagues from across Canada. The deadline for submissions is November 18, 2011. The Call for Submissions can be found at:

<http://www.f2fe.com/qwqhc/2012/submissions/>

■ Position Statement on Bystander Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

The Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP) has issued a position statement endorsing all activities that lead to an increase in the number of bystanders who are able to perform CPR. Details at:

<http://caep.ca/sites/default/files/caep/files/cjem-position-bystander-cr.pdf>

Call for Poster Presentation Abstracts CSRT Education Conference - May 30 to June 2, 2012

The CSRT is now accepting abstracts for poster presentation at the CSRT Education Conference taking place at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in beautiful Vancouver, BC.

Categories: Best RT Poster and Best Student RT Poster

Prize: \$500.00 per category

Bonus: CAREstream Medical Ltd. will give the authors of the first 20 abstracts submitted a Nonin fingertip pulse oximeter

All Conference details can be found at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/2012_conference.asp



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CSRT Membership Renewal Starts December 1st!

Annual CSRT membership renewal is just around the corner. Current members will be receiving updated information on fees via email in the next few weeks. Updated information is available on the CSRT [website](#).

CSRT Provides Affordable Professional Liability Insurance to Members.

Do you have adequate professional liability insurance? Respiratory therapists should pay attention to their comprehensive group-insurance program offered by employers. The extent of professional liability and legal defence coverage offered by most institutions is limited. Hospital PLI is in place to firstly protect the hospital, with individuals, like RTs, represented “en bloc” with all other defendants. Also, employer PLI may not cover a hearing at a regulatory college or attendance at a coroner’s inquest. Having personal professional liability, such as that offered by the CSRT, ensures that you can have a lawyer representing your interest in any legal proceeding. An adverse event can have significant financial implications if you suddenly find yourself with inadequate coverage. Protect yourself professionally. **[Check your coverage!](#)**

Sleep Centers of Excellence Conference February 8-10, 2012

As the demand for state-of-the-art comprehensive sleep centers grows more healthcare providers are looking for advances in technology, advances in patient care and a true multidisciplinary approach to handle this need. This three-day event, held in Atlanta, Georgia, addresses: quality assurance programs, improving patient care management, achieving autonomy within your organization, recruiting top academic talent and much more. Discounted registration is offered for CSRT members.

Details at:

http://www.rtsleepworld.com/sites/default/files/active_comm_feb_dates_pdf.pdf

Critical Care Canada Forum Discussion Group

A new multi-disciplinary critical care forum has been created to discuss issues related to critical care.

To join go to: <http://groups.google.com/group/critical-care-canada/t/45dc88cab78f4419>

Huffin' Puffin Marathon Relay

Eastern Health and The Newfoundland and Labrador Lung Association recently partnered up to help raise awareness of Lung Health and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. They sponsored a 4-person team of runners for the annual Huffin' Puffin Marathon Relay. CSRT member Susan Haskell was part of the Love Your Lungs team. They completed the 42.2 km course in September, along with some 350+ runners participating in one of three simultaneous events – a half marathon, full marathon, and marathon relay. The Huffin' Puffin event was organized by Nautilus Running Club.

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Respiratory Therapists Week

Respiratory Therapists Week was celebrated in style across the country. The CSRT provided promotional materials to more than 180 members. Here are some examples of how RTs promoted their profession.

Nova Scotia

The respiratory therapy staff at ***Miramichi Regional Hospital*** celebrated RT Week with an educational booth in the hospital lobby where they spoke with students, patients and co-workers about various respiratory ailments. They played the "Respiratory Therapy Week Video"

from the CSRT website and distributed information about COPD, asthma and smoking cessation. The "Year's Worth of Tar" jar was a hit!

Dalhousie School of Health Sciences and **The Michener Institute** added a bit of extra celebration to their RT Week activities. A pizza lunch was served compliments of the CSRT. Dalhousie and Michener tied for the highest percentage of students join the CSRT between August and October of this year – approximately 14%. New Brunswick Community College and NAIT each won a set of Dana Oakes books.



Dalhousie show they were Number One in student recruitment.



Amazing Pace participants:
Patrick Freel, Katelyn Earle,
Megan Watson,

Ontario

Fanshawe College RT students set up a table to promote the profession and teach prospective students about the RT program at Fanshawe. Nadine Meek, the Vice-President of the RT Student Federation also took part in a fundraising event – The Amazing Pace. As a class they raised approximately \$2,000 for the Lung Association.

Alberta

The Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre has one respiratory therapist. Despite having no budget and limited resources, RRT Ron McFadyen was very busy during RT Week. He set up a poster display at the facility with demo airways and masks. Ron held an open house and also had an article published

***Mirela Mehanovic and
Melissa Grant.***

***In the front row from left to
right Marcel Goure, Jamie
Brownlee, Emily Pelton,
Stacey Gibson, Mai Phan and
Nadine Meek***

in the local paper.

British Columbia

At the ***Kelowna General Hospital***, RT Week was celebrated in style, with RT Manager Richard Milo offering pizza, cake and coffee throughout the entire week. Visitors were encouraged to check out the display set up by RRT Lisa Mostowy. The event was greatly supported by staff and everyone enjoyed Chinese food on the last day.



RRT Blaine Busslinger, RRT shows off the Kelowna General Hospital display

**For more pictures and information on RT Week go to
http://www.csrt.com/en/events/rt_week.asp**

