

CSRT News



CSRT Membership Has Begun! Win a 16GB-iPAD2

Annual CSRT membership is underway! Renew your CSRT membership or join by March 30, 2012 and be entered in a draw to win a **16GB iPad 2**.

Members can renew online at:

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

New members can now register online at:

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

Apply for New CSRT / IKARIA Scholarships - \$2,500

The CSRT is pleased to announce that two scholarships of \$2,500 each, have been created for CSRT members, with educational grants provided by IKARIA. The CSRT / IKARIA scholarships will be presented to the recipients during the President's Banquet at the CSRT Annual Education Conference. The two RT recipients of these scholarships will be invited to attend the CSRT Annual Education Conference. The CSRT will provide each recipient with complimentary registration and funding for economy travel and two night's accommodation. More information on the application and selection process can be found at: <http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/scholarships.asp>

The CSRT gratefully acknowledges the support provided by IKARIA for these educational grants and the CSRT's scholarship initiative. The application deadline is **March 15, 2012**.

Vote for New Members to the Board of Directors

CSRT members in good standing are invited to cast their ballots for positions on the CSRT Board of Directors. There are 4-5 positions to be filled. You will need your CSRT

ID number and password to cast your votes at:

The voting platform will close at midnight, **February 10, 2012.**

CSRT Education Conference Information – May 31 – June 2, 2012

Register before *April 15* and have your name included in a draw for **iPAD2**.

Preliminary Program Now Available

The 2012 program for the Vancouver Education Conference is now available. There are a great number of excellent speakers from all areas of practice; two new pre-conference workshops; cutting edge product information sessions and some great networking opportunities. Conference details:

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

New Half-day Conference Workshops

The CSRT is offering two half-day morning workshops – complimentary with full conference registration – on Thursday May 31, 2012. Make sure to check them off on your registration form!

Getting Published – How to prepare and submit a manuscript Simulation Café

Details at:

http://www.csrt.com/en/events/2012tradeshow/Preliminary_Program.pdf

Deadline For Conference Poster Presentation Abstracts – April 30, 2012

RTs and RT students are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentation at the CSRT Conference in Vancouver. This event has become popular with delegates as well as way to increase professional development. There are two categories (*RT and Student*) with a \$500 cash prize for each category. Details can be found at:

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

National Coordination of COPD C.A.R.E Program at CSRT

The CSRT is partnering with Boehringer Ingelheim for the implementation of their COPD C.A.R.E. Program. Christina Dolgowicz, RRT, CRT, FCSRT, from Ottawa, was hired by the CSRT to facilitate the implementation of RT Clinic Days in GP offices across the country. Christina will be the main liaison for the COPD C.A.R.E. program for all participants in the program. Most importantly, she will recruit and maintain a registry of qualified registered respiratory therapists, who are certified educators, to participate in RT clinic days in GP offices. She will also provide training and guidance to RTs participating in the program. RTs recruited will be running the COPD C.A.R.E. clinics and promoting early diagnosis of COPD (through spirometry) and self-management education. RTs selected to participate will receive some financial compensation from Boehringer Ingelheim. For questions regarding the COPD C.A.R.E. Program at: christina.dolgowicz.ext@boehringer-ingelheim.com

CSRT Hires Part-Time Professional Practice Director

Christina Dolgowicz, RRT, CRT, FCSRT, will also serve in a part-time position at the CSRT, that of the Professional Practice Director. In this role, Christina will be responsible for activities that enhance professional practice, such as continuing education, professional development, best practice statements and position statements, etc. Christina will work in the CSRT offices and can be reached at cdolgowicz@csrt.com.

CSRT Fellowship Criteria Revised

At its November 2011 meeting, the Board of Directors approved some changes to the eligibility criteria of the CSRT Fellowship Program. The CSRT Fellowship criteria has been updated to ensure this professional designation is attributed to registered respiratory therapists who have demonstrated leadership and have made consistent contributions to the advancement of clinical practice, education and science in

respiratory therapy. The revised criteria and application process are available at <http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/fellowship.asp>

Audit of CSRT Fellows

In March 2012, the CSRT will select randomly the names of 10% of the CSRT Fellows to undergo the annual audit process. CSRT Fellows selected for this audit will be contacted by the end of March and will be provided four weeks to submit their portfolio for the period of January to December 2011. All CSRT Fellows are required to maintain involvement in professional development / continuing education activities for a minimum of 25 hours / credits per year. The CSRT has provided a credit tracking system to facilitate the process which can be found in the www.respiratoryresource.ca web site.

Deadline for Fellowship Application – April 30, 2012

CSRT and RTSO Enter Second Year of Pilot Membership Project

One year ago, the CSRT and the Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario (RTSO) started a pilot project in Ontario where RTs who became members of the CSRT also obtained a free membership in the RTSO. In an effort to maximize professional association membership, the CSRT and RTSO collaborated to offer a joint membership to Ontario RTs. This collaboration was supported administratively and financially by the CSRT. The success and viability of the pilot project depends on the majority of RTs in Ontario becoming members of the CSRT. While we did not reach our Ontario membership goal in the first year of the pilot project, it is anticipated that we will reach our goal of at least 1,300 Ontario members in 2012. We hope that RTs from Ontario will see the value of membership in both their national (CSRT) and provincial (RTSO) professional associations. If you are from Ontario, your membership will help make this pilot project a successful long-term initiative that can then be implemented in other provinces. With RTs supporting their professional association, the CSRT can better support RTs and this great profession!

New Editor of the CJRT

The CSRT welcomes Jason Nickerson, RRT, FCSRT, PhD(c), PhD Candidate, to the role of the Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy. Jason is currently with the Centre for Global Health, Institute of Population Health at the University of Ottawa. Amy Reid, the former Editor-in-Chief of the CJRT for the last eight years has finished her tenure and is now taking on new volunteer positions with the CSRT. The CSRT sincerely thanks Amy for all her role in elevating the CJRT to its current position. Her commitment and passion were instrumental in making the journal a knowledge-dissemination tool.

National Examination Deadline

The next sitting of the National Exam will be July 9, 2012. The deadline for application is April 30th. Please visit the CBRC site for details <http://www.cbrc.ca/>

Winner of Student Membership Promotion

Darcy Thompson of Edmonton has won conference registration to the CSRT 2012 Education Conference in Vancouver, BC, as well as \$500 towards accommodation or travel. The draw for this prize was part of the CSRT student membership promotion drive. Three prizes were awarded including a pizza lunch for the school with the highest percentage of students joining; a set of Dana Oakes reference books, and this final prize draw, won by Darcy, for any student joining between April 1, 2011 and December 19, 2011. Congratulations Darcy!

RT Participation Requested in Sleep Intervention and Dementia Survey

The Sleep and Function Interdisciplinary Group (SAFIG) at the University of Alberta (with support from Addiction & Mental Health: Alberta Health Services) is conducting a national survey of healthcare providers' use of non-pharmacological sleep interventions

for persons with dementia. [Read more...](#)

Centennial College Offers New Emergency Management Courses

Centennial College's Emergency Management and Public Safety Institute (EMPSI) offers two initial courses of interest to individuals working in, or preparing for, careers related to emergency response and management. [Read more...](#)

Fourth Annual Ottawa Conference: State of the Art Clinical Approaches to Smoking Cessation

The Ottawa Conference, taking place February 3 and 4, 2012, at the Fairmont Château Laurier Hotel is a recognized national reference point for health professionals seeking to gain knowledge in clinical smoking cessation. [Read more...](#)

Save the Date! Neonatal Care Today Conference - April 4, 2012

The Neonatal Care Today Conference is a complementary educational conference sponsored by Dräger and exclusively prepared for respiratory therapists, nurses and other neonatal care givers. [Read more...](#)



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Online Voting Results - CSRT Board of Directors Election

The on-line voting process for the selection of RTs to serve on the CSRT Board of Directors ended on Friday, February 10, 2012 with 169 members cast their votes. The on-line voting process allowed each CSRT member to vote, but the platform was set up to prevent an individual from voting more than once. An independent third party scrutineer was responsible for the management of the on-line voting process and the tabulation of the results. The results of the on-line election were presented for approval by the Board of Directors on February 15, 2012. The following new members of the Board of Directors will be introduced to the membership during the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver on Friday, June 1, 2012:

- **Barbara MacDonald (Nova Scotia)** - representing the Maritimes and Educators
- **David Sheets (BC)** – representing Western Canada and Anesthesia Assistants
- **Louis Phillip Belle-Isles (QC)** - representing Québec
- **Chantale Blanchard (PEI)** - representing non-regulated jurisdictions (PEI)
- **Sue Martin (Masimo – ON)** - representing Industry

The results were very close in all categories - a clear indication that all candidates are highly regarded by their colleagues. The CSRT is very proud that there were 15 nominations of CSRT members with the dedication and commitment to serve their national professional association. For further information on the election process, please contact Christiane Ménard, CSRT Executive Director.

Early Bird Conference Registration Deadline - April 15

Join us at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, BC – May 31 – June 2, 2012 for

excellent professional development and continuing education events as well as a great array of networking opportunities!

Resister by April 15 and have your name entered for a draw for a iPad 2 in the Early Bird Registration!

To register online or view preliminary program and social activities, including receptions, workshops, Friday Social and the President's Banquet -

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

New Free Pre-conference Half-Day Workshops

Receive 3 CPD credits

Thursday, May 31 (0900 to 1200 hours)

Each workshop has limited capacity – only 30 participants – limited spaces available.

Workshop 1 - Getting Published

We invite respiratory therapists to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn from published authors who are experts in their field, including members of the Editorial Board of the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy.

Workshop 2 - Simulation Café

This workshop is geared to respiratory therapists who would like to build their skills in facilitating and understanding the different elements of a simulation session, and gain practical experience and tools to guide them.

TO REGISTER

Contact Rita Hansen (rhansen@csrt.com) to reserve a seat!

For more details go to <http://www.csrt.com/en/events/workshop.asp>

Product Information Sessions at Conference

Mark on your Calendar!

Take advantage of the Product Information Sessions offered by our exhibitors *Saturday, June 2, from 13:00 to 13:45.*

GRIFOLS (formerly known as TALECRIS)

Title: “Alpha1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) - Early diagnosis and active treatment update”

Speaker: Tharwat A. Fera MD, FRCPC (Resp), FCCP Dip A.I.M.

Clinical Assistant Professor

Respiratory & Internal Medicine, University of British Columbia

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the elastase anti elastase balance and the development of emphysema.
- To focus on early diagnosis of AATD .
- To discuss treatment options.
- To discuss augmentation therapy in AATD.

DeVilbiss Health Care

Title: Using Autotitrating CPAP to Manage OSA

Speaker: Dave Henry BS RRT, DeVilbiss Healthcare Inc.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe basic theory of autotitrating CPAP.
- Describe elements of the autotitrating report useful in managing OSA.
- Given case studies, review information and how to use information for managing an OSA patient.

Boehringer Ingelheim & Pfizer Canada

Title: RT Led Initiatives for the Management of COPD

Speaker: Mark Fitzgerald, MD, FRCPI, FRCPC

Professor of Medicine,
Head, UBC and VGH Divisions of Respiratory Medicine
Director, Centre for Lung Health
Co-Director Institute for Heart and Lung Health.

Learning Objectives:

- From the perspective of an RT, to strive for excellence within the health care team and to identify any gaps in COPD patient management.

CSRT Annual General Meeting

The CSRT Annual General Business Meeting will take place on Friday, June 1, 2012, 10:30 to 11:30, in the Stanley Park Ballroom, at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, BC. 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 May 25, 2012. Forms are available at <http://www.csrt.com/en/events/agm.asp>

Deadline for Submission of Poster Presentations – April 30

The CSRT's Poster Presentation Awards Program is a valuable vehicle that allows respiratory therapists and RT students to strengthen their research and presentation skills and to share their expertise and research with colleagues and associates.

Prize: \$500.00 per category

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

The 2012 Poster Presentations will take place as part of the CSRT annual Education Conference, June 1 and 2nd, in Vancouver, BC at the Westin Bayshore Hotel. 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/poster_presentation.asp

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.

■ New Content on respiratoryresource.ca

A complimentary webinar held on February 28, 2012, is now available on respiratoryresource.ca.

Ventilator Waveforms

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the different types of ventilator waveforms
- To understand the different types of ventilator loops
- To understand the benefits of waveform analysis
- To learn methods for adjusting ventilator settings based on waveform analysis

Please note: Future webinars will be available for \$25.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members.

New content on the site includes:

- CSRT members can now subscribe to get notification when pages are updated
- A randomised controlled trial of an open lung strategy with staircase recruitment, titrated PEEP and targeted low airway
- Discussion on NAVA

Application Deadline for National Certification Exam – July 9, 2012

Individuals wishing to write the national certification exam in July 2012 must apply by **April 30, 2012**. Candidate information and applications forms can be found at <http://www.cbrc.ca/>. Students writing the CBRC exam must apply to CBRC directly.

Trudell Medical Marketing Celebrates 90th Birthday!

TMML, a Canadian company, supplies and services critical care and respiratory product solutions and operating room equipment to hospitals across Canada. [Click here](#) for details.

Optimizing Mechanical Ventilation for Infants and Children Conference

April 17-19, 2012 at the Washington-Duke Inn, Durham, NC

This conference will focus on the latest advances in conventional ventilation, high-frequency ventilation, specialty gas therapies, and airway graphics analysis. The program will also provide an understanding of cardiorespiratory interactions and the mechanisms of acute lung injury. Clinicians will participate in lectures and interactive clinical workshops focused on the skills necessary to optimize patient-ventilator

interactions for infants and children. Details and registration form can be found at the Duke OMV website <http://pediatrics.duke.edu/divisions/critical-care-medicine/optimizing-mechanical-ventilation> or **Direct Link to Registration Form.**

For further information or to register, please contact Valorie Smith at 919-681-6403 or Smith158@mc.duke.edu.

■ Injury Snapshot Released for Ontario Communities

Detailed injury snapshots from Ontario communities are now available through the **Ontario Injury Data Report**. The report pinpoints the most pressing injury issues for each age group in their areas. Included in the Ontario Injury Data Report are emergency room visits; hospitalizations; and deaths from injury - broken down by cause of injury, health unit and age group. Downloadable pdfs are available by community.

The full report at: <http://www.oninjuryresources.ca/home/>



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CSRT Education Conference - May 31 – June 2, 2012 Vancouver, BC

Winner of the Early Bird Draw

Congratulations to Manon St. Pierre of Montreal. She is the winner of the draw for the iPad-2. – for registering for the CSRT conference prior to April 15th was eligible for the draw. Congratulations Manon!

Final Program

The Final program for the CSRT Conference is now available. There is an exceptional lineup of educational sessions, workshops and networking opportunities. We look forward to seeing you all in Vancouver! Final Program can be found here:

<http://www.csrt.com/>

Online Conference Registration

Conference registration is available online until **May 27th**. After that date, only on site registrations will be accepted.

CSRT Annual General Meeting

The CSRT Annual General Business Meeting will take place, Friday, June 1, 2012 in the Stanley Park Ballroom, at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver BC, from 10:30 to 11:30. 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, May 25th**. Details on motions and proxy form can be found on the CSRT website at

<http://www.csrt.com/en/events/agm.asp>. Forms can also be obtained through the mail by calling 800-267-3422.

CSRT / IKARIA 2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

The selection of the first CSRT / IKARIA scholarships was completed by the Board of Directors. The scholarship are possible through education grants received from IKARIA Canada Inc. who provided funding for two \$2,500 scholarships. The Board members were impressed with the number of RTs applying for the scholarship but most importantly were overwhelmed by the quality of each candidate. To ensure that the selection process was as fair and objective as possible, a selection grid was developed and each candidate was evaluated independently by each Board member. Each Board member then provided their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice and each candidate was graded according to the ranking they received.

During the selection process, that included a graded selection grid, there was a clear first place candidate but two candidates obtained equal scores. The Board of Directors therefore decided to make use of the funds collected in the “Annual Run for RT Research” to award a third scholarship. The recipients selected are:

Jason Nickerson – Ottawa, ON (PhD studies)

Susan Haskell – St. John's, NL (PhD studies)

Alean Annemarie Jackman – Georgetown, ON (Masters, Health Studies)

The CSRT / IKARIA scholarships will be awarded during the President's banquet at the CSRT conference, on the evening of June 2, 2012.

Recruiting Respiratory Therapists for COPD C.A.R.E. Clinic

The COPD C.A.R.E. Clinics offered by Boehringer-Ingelheim are looking for RTs (preferably with CRE designation) in the following areas:

- Prince Edward Island
- Newfoundland
- Saskatchewan
- Ontario (Toronto area RTs who are Chinese-speaking)

If you are interested in more information, please contact Christina Dolgowicz at Christina.dolgowicz.ext@boehringer-ingenelheim.com

New content on respiratoryresource.ca

New Journal Club

CSRT members are invited to take part in an online review of a pre-selected paper. The CSRT introduced this additional avenue for RTs to keep up with current research and evidence, to critically analyze knowledge and data presented and to discuss how new knowledge impacts clinical practice. Participation in the Journal Club two hours of continuing education credits.

Journal Club – held Friday, April 13, 2012

Details now available under respiratoryresource.ca. Members can view the presentation full audio and chat room as well.

Article reviewed: *Risk Factors for the Development of Acute Lung Injury in Patients with Infectious Pneumonia*

Marija Kojicic, Guangxi Li, Andrew C Hanson, Kun-Moo Lee, Lokendra Thakur, Jayanth Vedre, Adil Ahmed, Larry M Baddour, Jay H Ryu and Ognjen Gajic
Available in the March 2012 edition of Critical Care

Winner of Membership Renewal Draw

Olsen Jarvis of Winnipeg is the winner of the iPad-2. The CSRT held a draw for all members who renewed their membership by the March 31, deadline. Olsen had selected the “auto-renew” option last year, which renewed his memberships automatically prior to the March 31 deadline.

In Memoriam

Lorne Ward Seymour

Lorne Ward Seymour – BSC, RRT, MBA, of Glace Bay, NS, died on in March 2012, after a very brief battle with cancer. A long-standing member of the CSRT, he was Director of Respiratory, Pain/Neuro Services at Cape Breton District Health Authority. Lorne was a graduate of Respiratory Therapy, Dalhousie University and St. Mary's University. He is survived by his parents, sisters, brother and many relatives. On behalf of its members, the CSRT sends its condolences to his family.

Richard V. Hodder

Dr. Hodder, MSc, FRCP (C) a highly respected respirologist and intensivist at the Ottawa Hospital, has died. He was a Professor of Medicine at the University of Ottawa, former chief of department Critical Care and former medical advisor to the Lung Association of Ottawa Carleton and past President of the Ontario Thoracic Society.

Dr. Hodder's research interests included: early detection and diagnosis of COPD; assessment of the value of patient education in COPD; mechanisms of dyspnea, the validation of quality of life measurements in COPD; COPD exacerbation management; new inhaler devices for asthma and COPD; asthma and COPD pharmacotherapy; ventilator-associated pneumonia; new ventilating strategies for the management of ARDS; early recognition of sepsis; and critical event simulation as a teaching and learning tool.



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CSRT Education Conference May 31 to June 2, 2012

*We look forward to welcoming you at the CSRT annual Education Conference and Trade Show.
See you in Vancouver!*

Support RTs Doing Research - Third Annual RT Research Walk/Run – June 3, 2012

Get on your running shoes and come out Sunday morning for a walk/run along the Vancouver harbour seawall. Collect pledges to help support RTs doing research and post graduated education. A prize is awarded to the individual who raises the most money. Details and maps will be available at the CSRT Registration Desk.

Print off your pledge form here

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

Attend the Annual General Meeting – Draw for a Kindle

CSRT members attending the AGM will have their name included in a draw for a Kindle. The AGM takes place at 10:45AM, Friday, June 1, 2012, in the Stanley Park Ballroom at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver. Details on agenda and motions can be found at <http://www.csrt.com/en/events/agm.asp>.

Final Conference Program can be viewed here

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

NEW! Students and Graduates Now Covered by CSRT Professional Liability Insurance

The CSRT has negotiated coverage for students and new graduates under the CSRT

Professional Liability Insurance.

Participation eligibility – coverage can be extended to include:

1. Respiratory therapy students who are registered in an accredited education program, and who are members of the CSRT, are covered as long as they work under the direct supervision of a registered respiratory therapist who has purchased the CSRT professional liability insurance. There is no premium required.
2. New graduates in respiratory therapy (i.e. students who have graduated from an accredited program) who are eligible for a restricted license, a limited practice, or new graduate license or are Associate members of the CSRT; and who are eligible to write the national certification exam, for a period of one year after graduation. Premiums for these new graduates are the same as the premiums for registered members of the CSRT.

Latest Content on respiratoryresource.ca

- A new Twitter account for respiratoryresource has been created. Follow [@respresource](https://twitter.com/respresource) to know when the site has been updated or retweet.
- Discussion updates on BiPAP Alarms; NAVA
- Guidelines and Resources for NIPPV management (British Thoracic Society) have been posted
- Inhaled Flolan Protocol in pdf format (Mount Sinai) has been posted
- Canadian Smoking Cessation Guidelines (pdf) from CAN-ADAPTT

50th Anniversary Homecoming – September 14, 2012!

Attention University of Manitoba and former HSC School of Respiratory Therapy Graduates:

50th Anniversary Homecoming

The School of Medical Rehabilitation at the University of Manitoba is celebrating its 50th

anniversary this year, as well as the ten year anniversary of the Department of Respiratory Therapy at the University.

For information on special homecoming events for all U of M RT grads, and Graduates of the former Health Sciences Centre School of RT - [click here](#).

■ The 27th Annual Doctor Dorothy Wiselberg Seminar

This one-day event is to be held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at the McGill University Health Centre Trottier Building - Room 0100, 3630 University Street, Montreal, Quebec

The topic of this year's program is "*COPD: More Breadth for a New Breath*".

Registration is free. For details and registration, please contact:

Christine Di Iorio

E-mail: christine.diiorio@muhc.mcgill.ca

Tel: (514) 934-1934 ext. 36117

■ Clinician's Guide to Respiratory Pocket References Now Available

Dana Oakes has provided a comparison table that compares and contrasts all the currently available options for respiratory pocket guides.

Details are available at:

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101403371487-56/The+Clinician+Guide+To+Respiratory+Pocket+References.pdf>



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■ **CSRT Must Now Charge HST/GST on Membership Dues**

In the management letter submitted by auditors following the recent audit process, the CSRT Board of Directors was advised that the CSRT must charge HST / GST on membership dues. The auditors have noted that “*Membership dues are non-taxable if the benefits offered to the members are clearly trivial (less than 10% of the cost of the membership).*” The auditors note that the membership benefits offered to CSRT members represent more than a trivial counterpart and therefore requested that the CSRT charge HST / GST on membership dues to respect the proper sales and service tax treatment. Since the CSRT is now contravening Canada Revenue Agency regulations, the Board of Directors has no choice and, at its May 29th meeting, passed a motion to meet these requirements. As such, effective August 1, 2012 the CSRT will charge HST / GST on membership dues depending on the province of residence of each individual member.

■ **Members of the CSRT Board of Directors 2012-2013**

Executive Committee	BoD Profile / Perspectives
Angela Coxe (Ontario)	President and Leadership perspective
James McCormick (Ontario)	Past President
Jeff Dmytrowich (Saskatchewan)	Treasurer and Pediatric / Neonatal perspective
Directors at large	
Louis-Phillip Belle-Isle (Québec)	Quebec perspective
Chantale Blanchard (Prince Edward Island)	Non-regulated jurisdictions perspective
Barbara MacDonald (Nova Scotia)	Educators and Maritimes perspective
Susan Martin (Ontario)	Industry perspective

David Sheets (British Columbia)	Anesthesia Assistant and Western Canada perspective
Cynthia Welton (Ontario)	Critical care and Ontario perspective
Edouard Saadé (New Brunswick)	Student Representative (non-voting)

2012 Fellows of the CSRT

The CSRT Board of Directors has confirmed the professional designation of Fellow of the CSRT (FCSRT) for the following:

Michael A. Bachynsky	Rodney Rousseau
Faylene Funk	Janice E. Seville
Pamela McLachlan	Carolins Sierra

By obtaining the FCSRT designation, respiratory therapists are making a commitment to life-long learning and professional development activities. Details for applying for this designation can be found on the CSRT website under *Professional Practice*.

National Coordinator COPD C.A.R.E. Program

As indicated in previous CSRT newsletters, the CSRT is working in conjunction with Boehringer-Ingelheim coordinating COPD C.A.R.E. clinics. Christina Dolgowicz launched the program in January 2012 and is off on maternity leave until July 2013. The role of National Coordinator COPD C.A.R.E. Clinic Program will be filled by Michelle Maynard. Michelle is an RRT with 14 years experience in critical care, diagnostics and patient education. She received her CAE designation in 2002, followed by her CRE designation in 2009. She has worked as an educator in pediatrics and adults in both the hospital and community setting. She has had the privilege of working in multiple provinces with firsthand experience working in various health regions, allowing her to bring her experiences into the COPD C.A.R.E. Clinic Program. Any questions in regards to the COPD C.A.R.E. program please contact Michelle at mmaynard@csrt.com

■ IKARIA / CSRT Scholarships

The CSRT has established a new scholarship program for RTs who pursue post-graduate education, with contributions from Ikaria Canada. The Board of Directors established the criteria and submission process and was involved in the selection of the recipients. This year's recipients are: Jason Nickerson, Ottawa, ON; Susan Haskell, Conception Bay, NL; Alean Annemarie Jackman, Georgetown, ON. For 2013, IKARA has generously committed to funding four scholarships.

■ 2012 CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show

The Vancouver CSRT Education Conference was a record-breaking success with 483 delegates in attendance. All preconference events were filled to capacity and the 46 educational sessions over the three days were well attended. The social and networking events were extremely popular as well.



Each poster submission received a gift of a Nonin pulse oximeter compliments of Don Giroux (right) of Nonin Medical and Al Sperry (left) of CAREstream Medical.

A record number of 26 posters were presented as well, making the judging that much more difficult. The winning RT poster was Julie Brown's titled "Comparing Clinical Training Models in Health Science Education". There was a tie for the winning student RT poster - Jill Peters for her poster "Impact of phrenic nerve stimulation or diaphragmatic pacing on quality of life in ventilator dependent patients with high spinal cord injuries" and Kevin Robson for his entitled "Improving Survival Outcomes in Lung Transplant Recipients

through Early Detection of Bronchiolitis Obliterans: Daily Home Spirometry versus Standard Pulmonary Function Testing". Both are students at University of Manitoba School of Medical Rehabilitation. Dr. Peter Papadakos, CJRT Editorial Board member, provided \$500.00 for the best RT Student Poster Award.

CSRT PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

2012 Colya Kaminiarz Professional Achievement and Knowledge Award

Sponsored by Praxair

Susan Dunington is the recipient of this year's award. Susan has actively supported and advanced her profession through her involvement in committees, task forces and workgroups locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. Susan works full time at the Michener Institute of Technology. In her spare time, she Co-Chairs the CSRT's Council on Accreditation, as well as participating in the CBRC exam committees, and many CACERT initiatives.

2013 Robert Merry Lecturer Award

Sponsored and announced by Roxon Medi-Tech & Nonin

Shane MacDonald, Winnipeg, MB has been selected to present the 2013 Robert Merry Lecture at the CSRT Education Conference in Niagara Falls in 2013. This lecture is the focal point of the plenary program at the conference.

CSRT Presidents Award - 2012 Winner

Sponsored by Trudell Medical Marketing Limited

The CSRT President, Jim McCormick, recognized Carole Hamp as the CSRT Presidents Award Winner, for her support and encouragement during his tenure as President of the Society.

CSRT Student Achievement Awards 2012

The CSRT Student Achievement awards are given to the CSRT student members who achieve the highest result on the CBRC exam. Only CSRT student members are eligible for this award. This year's winners are:

Gold Medal – Alyssa Wack, Thompson Rivers University, BC

Silver Medal – Sarah Waters, Thompson Rivers University, BC

Bronze Medal – Paul Lindsey, The Michener Institute, ON

CSRT / CAREstream Student Excellence Award Winners

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 received their awards at the President's Banquet during the CSRT annual Education Conference in Vancouver.

Newfoundland

Kevin Mullins - College of the North Atlantic

Taysir Nouh - College of the North Atlantic – Satellite program Qatar

Nova Scotia

Jessica Wentzell - QEII/Dalhousie School of Health Sciences

New Brunswick

Michelle Cyr - New Brunswick Community College - Saint John

Miranda Martin - Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick

Quebec

Arnauld Oreste - Collège de Rosemont

Dany Jean - Cégep de Sherbrooke

Monika Brown - Cégep de Ste-Foy

Andrée-Anne Parent - Collège Ellis

Sophie Paquin - Cégep de Chicoutimi

Amelia Vachon - Vanier College

Ontario

Adam Weinberger - Algonquin College



Kaya Noble of Canadore College accepts her award from CAREstream President AI Sperry (left) and CSRT President Jim McCormick

Kayla Noble - Canadore College

Anna Ammerata - Fanshawe College

Cailin Coding - Conestoga College

Paul Lindsay - The Michener Institute

Madeleine Bégin - La Cité collégiale

Manitoba

Kayla Jensen - University of Manitoba-School of Medical Rehabilitation

Alberta

Melissa DelaCruz - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

Laura Bird - Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

British Columbia

Alyssa Wack - Thompson Rivers University

New Honorary CSRT Member

The CSRT has awarded the Honorary Life Membership to Dr. Don Reid, for meritorious service to the CSRT. Dr. Reid served on the CSRT's Council on Accreditation for six years and is currently on the CBRC Board of Directors. Prior to working on these committees, Dr. Reid worked at the Regina General Hospital for several years as the head of neonatology. During this time, Dr. Reid was a big supporter and advanced the role of the RTs in the NICU. Dr. Reid's professional commitment and dedication to patient care have always been an inspiration to the RT profession.



Airway Olympics Sputum Cup Challenge

Twelve teams competed for the ultimate prize - the Sputum Cup 2012! The CSRT provided a candy table that was very delicious and very well used. The attendance for the event was impressive, every seat was filled. The walls were opened up to the hallway to allow everyone to experience these Olympics. There were teams from all over Canada and even Qatar was represented. The returning champions were on hand and one returning regional champion - so the stakes were high.

Every team raced the clock with a time limit of 60 seconds. While no one broke the six-second record for the fastest intubation, there were some fast times of 9-10 seconds. In each round two teams with the longest times would be Eliminated (see scoring table). Each round was a bit more challenging than the previous round beginning with a regular intubation followed by supine (you lay on your stomach), pediatric, mystery which this year meant that the intubators were blindfolded! The semi finals used the tough Icepick Method. The finals were determined with nothing but a tube and stylet - no other equipment other than the competitor's fingers.

In attendance for this year's event was none other than the inventor of the Glidescope, Dr. Jack Pacey. Dr. Pacey works in Vancouver so it was only appropriate that the inventor of this wonderful airway device, be one of the presenters of the Sputum Cup 2012.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>SUPINE</u>	<u>PEDIATRIC</u>	<u>MYSTERY</u>	<u>ICEPICK</u>	<u>MANUAL</u>
1	11	43	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim
2	26	31	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim
3	16	16	32	42	15.5	>17
4	31	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim
5	9.5	11.5	16	17	22	Elim
6	11.5	11.2	15	19	18	17*
7	26	14	10	60	Elim	Elim
8	17	10.5	13.5	60	Elim	Elim
9	12.5	17	47	Elim	Elim	Elim
10	14	18	10	46	22	Elim
11	35	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim	Elim
12	26	24	35	Elim	Elim	Elim

Participants

Team 1 **Airways Without Borders** (Rob Bryan & Eric Cheng)

- Team 2 **Glottic Ticklers** (Fred Cashin & Roger Smith)
- Team 3 **Bustin' Caps** (Colleen Miller & Adam Weinberger)
- Team 4 **Vallecula Voyagers** (Miranda Oppers & Joanne Ep)
- Team 5 **IN2B8U** (Daniel Doucette & Stephanie Cuerrier)
- Team 6 **White Chocolate** (Duane Wong & Cael Field)*
- Team 7 **The Weeners** (Darwin Chan & Janice Lau)
- Team 8 **Tenacious Secretions** (Jennifer & Andrea)
- Team 9 **The Pacemakers** (Bella George & Taysir Mohmed)
- Team 10 **Meconium Aspirators** (Nancy Mohammed & Francesca Imbesi)
- Team 11 **Glory Holes** (Dina Floras & Corry Gelling)
- Team 12 **Cufflators** (Michael Parfitt & Jorden McMullen)

Draw Winners

The winner of the AGM draw for a Kindle reader was Kelly Coutts of Alberta. The winner of the Exhibitor Draw for transportation, accommodation and registration for the 2013 conference in Niagara Falls, ON, was Shea Retzlaff from British Columbia.

RT Research Walk/Run

Early birds were up and on the seawall Sunday morning for the third annual RT Research Walk/ Run. The event raised \$589.00 which will support respiratory therapists who do research.

New Content on [respiratoryresource.ca](http://www.respiratoryresource.ca)

- As an acknowledgement of the importance of the support of our industry partners, Tom Piraino has created a series of short videos, featuring the latest technological advances from the CSRT Conference sponsors. They can be viewed at:
<http://www.respiratoryresource.ca/csrt-conference-2012/>
- Journal Club audio, chat room and slides available for May 28, 2012, discussion on “Both high level pressure support ventilation and controlled mechanical ventilation

induce diaphragm dysfunction and atrophy”

■ Queen's University - New Graduate Program: Master of Science in Healthcare Quality MSc (HQ)

Queen's University is offering a new graduate program, the Master of Science in Healthcare Quality. This part-time, two-year program specializes in linking theory and practice to improve our understanding of quality, safety and risk in healthcare. The interdisciplinary focus and distance learning platform will encourage professionals from a variety of backgrounds to engage in developing the knowledge and tools to research, advocate and implement strategies for risk reduction and quality improvement within the healthcare system.

This program has been designed for young professionals or mid to senior level executives who are looking to further their education. Professionals who may find this program particularly attractive include healthcare practitioners, health professionals, engineers, and leaders in healthcare-related professions. This program is the first of its kind in Canada to address the growing need for interactions across disciplines, professions and communities. For program details visit: www.hqrs.queensu.ca. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Briana Broderick, Graduate Assistant, at briana.broderick@queensu.ca



CSRT News



2012 Speaker Presentations Now Available

Speakers' presentations from the 2012 Conference in Vancouver, are now posted on the CSRT website at

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

RT Week – October 21 -27, 2012

Respiratory Therapists Week is coming up! The CSRT is pleased to provide promotional materials for your events? We offer a variety of complimentary materials to CSRT members to help you celebrate your profession. Materials are limited and complimentary shipping (in Canada) will apply only to orders received before September 30th. For information on ordering supplies and great ideas on how to promote the profession, visit

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Deadline for submission is September 30, 2012

Details http://www.csrt.com/en/events/2013_conference.asp

CSRT Must Now Charge HST/GST on Membership Dues

Effective August 1, 2012 the CSRT will charge HST / GST on membership dues depending on the province of residence of each individual member.

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

What's New at respiratoryresource.ca

Register now for Webinar – August 15th 3:00-4:00 PM EST

“Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation Part One: Devices for NIPPV”

Presented by Tom Piraino RRT

This Webinar is a general overview of NIPPV equipment intended for those who may not deliver NIPPV regularly. It does not discuss literature related to its use in particular patients. That subject will be discussed in the next part of the NIPPV series.

Learning Objectives

- To learn of the various interface option for delivering NIPPV
- To understand leak compensation and its purpose
- To discuss the use of humidification with NIPPV

The cost for this webinar is \$25.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members. To sign up for this event please go to: http://www.csrt.com/en/education/online_webinars.asp

- Notes and audio from July 23rd Journal club, on '*Reduction of patient-ventilator asynchrony by reducing tidal volume during pressure-support ventilation*' Arnaud W. Thille, Belen Cabello, Fabrice Galia, Aissam Lyazidi, Laurent Brochard; Intensive Care Med (2008) 34:1477–1486

RTSO Airways Interview

Dr. Luca Richeldi discusses life with an incurable lung disease

Dr. Luca Richeldi, an internationally-renowned researcher and director of the Centre for Rare Lung Diseases at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia in Italy, was interviewed for RTSO Airways as an expert in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Dr. Richeldi shared the most current information regarding diagnostics, prognosis and treatment for this rare interstitial lung disease. For the full interview and to learn more about IPF, please click

http://www.rtso.ca/themes/acquia_marina/pdfs/rtsosummerairwaves2012/movie.swf

Model for Measuring the Efficiency of the Health System

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has released of a new report entitled *Developing a Model for Measuring the Efficiency of the Health System in Canada*. The report defines a model for measuring health system efficiency that was informed by consultations and deliberation with senior federal, provincial and territorial health system stakeholders conducted by the Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis at McMaster University and by the McMaster Health Forum. The next step will be to use the model to analyze health system efficiency at the regional level in Canada. The results of this analysis will be showcased in a report scheduled for release in the fall of 2013. To download the report, click here [https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productFamily.htm?](https://secure.cihi.ca/estore/productFamily.htm?locale=en&pf=PFC1855)

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Canadian Patient Safety Institute Complimentary Virtual Forum

Canada's Virtual Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement will take place October 29 to November 2, 2012.

This free event is easy to take part in. All you require is a computer and an Internet connection. Once registered, a link to join the broadcast will be provided prior to the Virtual Forum. Sessions may be in English or French.

To register or view program, click here:

http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/English/news/CanadasForumPatientSafety/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=mailoutinteractive&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Improving+Care+Bulletin%2fBulletin+d%e2%80%99am%c3%a9lioration+des+soins



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Criteria and nomination form at:

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CSRT / IKARIA Scholarship - Four Scholarships Available in 2013

The CSRT is pleased to announce that two additional scholarships, each for the amount of \$2,500, will be available in 2013 for CSRT members, thanks to educational grants provided by IKARIA. *There will now be four scholarships awarded of \$2,500 each.* The CSRT / IKARIA scholarships will be presented to the recipients during the President's Banquet at the CSRT Annual Education Conference. The recipients will be invited to

attend the CSRT Annual Education Conference in Niagara Falls ON. The CSRT will provide complimentary registration and funding for travel and accommodation. More information on the application and selection process can be found at:

<http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/scholarships.asp>

The CSRT gratefully acknowledges the support provided by IKARIA for these educational grants and the CSRT's scholarship initiative. The application deadline for the 2013 CSRT / IKATIA scholarships is **December 31, 2012**.

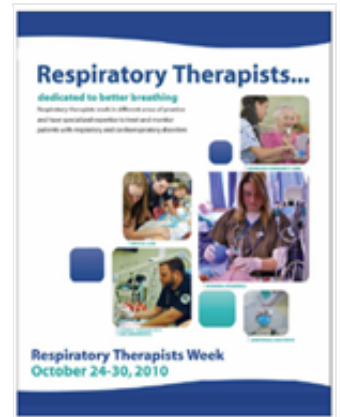
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Details http://www.csrt.com/en/events/2012_conference.asp

New RT Research Listserv Now Available

You are invited to join the new Canadian Respiratory Therapy Research Listserv! This new Listserv, hosted by the CSRT, was created to increase communication and collaboration among Canadian respiratory therapists interested in conducting research to strengthen the science and practice of our profession. Your participation is requested, and we hope that this will be a venue for sharing of ideas, works-in-progress, funding opportunities, new collaborations and partnerships, and a venue for requesting and providing feedback on projects in the works. Thank you for participating!

To sign up go to <http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/listservs.asp>

What's New at respiratoryresource.ca

Content Updates on

- Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome The Berlin Definition
- Risk factors for the development of acute lung injury in patients with infectious pneumonia
- Reduction of patient-ventilator asynchrony by reducing tidal volume during pressure-support ventilation
- Sleep quality in mechanically ventilated patients: comparison between NAVA and PSV modes

Discussion Updates on

- Apnea testing

Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy Accepting Submissions

The Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy (CJRT) is currently looking for articles for upcoming issues. In particular - articles that provide insight into novel ways of organizing and delivering respiratory therapy, including examples and evaluations of respiratory therapists working in different practice settings and with unique patient populations. Also of interest are reviews of topics of interest to RTs, as well as evaluations of models or pathways of care – quality Improvement initiatives led by RTs, or evaluations of new roles for RTs, as well as evaluations of the introduction of new kinds of technologies and devices into the care of your patients. All papers are peer-reviewed. Writing and publishing a review of an interesting or controversial clinical treatment or role is a great introduction to research and publication, and we are happy to support first-time authors. Our instructions to authors have recently been updated and are available online

here: http://www.csrt.com/en/publications/authors_instructions.asp Send you manuscripts to rhansen@csrt.com.

■ SAIT Respiratory Therapy Program 40th Anniversary

The 40th Anniversary of the Respiratory Therapy profession in Calgary and the RT program at SAIT Polytechnic will be celebrated on Saturday September 15 with a reception and dinner at the new Trades and Technology Complex in Calgary. Details at:

<http://www.sait.ca/about-sait/schools/school-of-health-and-public-safety/additional-information/events-and-information-sessions.php>



■ BC Patient Safety & Quality Council – Quality Forum 2013

Quality Forum 2013 takes place February 27 – March 1, 2013 in Vancouver BC. Abstract submissions will be accepted until **September 14, 2012**. Abstracts on any topic related to improving quality of care are encouraged.

SAVE THE DATE!
CSRT Education Conference and Trade Show 2013
May 30 – June 1, 2013
Sheraton on the Falls
Niagara Falls ON



CSRT News



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Position Statement – Degree as Entry to Practice

The CSRT Board of Directors has ratified a position statement to support the need for a degree for entry to practice for the profession of respiratory therapy. As the health care system evolves and becomes more complex, and there is more and more demand for RTs to work within interprofessional teams, it is important for the respiratory therapist to be on a level playing field with other health professionals. Currently, only a few health professions have not achieved degree as entry to practice. This position statement provides a framework on which CSRT will build its advocacy strategy. The CSRT continues to meet with governments and key health organizations to ensure the profession of respiratory therapy has the opportunity to evolve within the proposed transformations to the health care system.

The position statement can be viewed here

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

■ **CSRT Membership Increases**

CSRT membership has grown considerably over the past four years. Total membership now stands at almost 3,100 – in September 2008, membership was 2,352. This increase is an indication of the value RTs across Canada place on the need to have a strong national professional association to advocate and support the profession. While access to affordable personal professional liability insurance continues to be the most important benefit, the CSRT offers benefits that ranges from webinars, a professional journal, position statements and best practice statements. Most importantly, the CSRT is an advocate for each and every respiratory therapist practicing in Canada at both the national and international level.

■ **New CSRT Corporate Membership Category**

The CSRT is pleased to announce a new membership category that recognizes our corporate partners. This new category provides our industry partners the opportunity to create a more visible profile within the CSRT community. Benefit details can be found at http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/corporate_membership.asp

■ **Respiratory Therapists Week – October 21 - 27, 2012**

The CSRT wishes everyone a successful and productive Respiratory Therapists Week! We encourage you to get out and celebrate your profession. Send us your pictures and stories on how you promoted your profession in your neighbourhood. We will share your events on the CSRT website and in the Newsletter.



A new shipment of long and short-sleeved tshirts has also arrived just in time – so if you are looking for something extra to promote your profession, check out the details at: <http://www.csrt.com/en/events/t-shirts.asp>

■ **Winner of draw – Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Survey**

Congratulations to Sharon Hoepfner, of Winnipeg MB, the winner of the complimentary registration to the 2013 CSRT Annual Education Conference which will be held in Niagara Falls from May 30 to June 1, 2013. Sharon participated in a survey on idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and her name was entered in a draw and selected for the prize.

■ What's New at respiratoryresource.ca

Content Updates on

- Early stabilizing alveolar ventilation prevents acute respiratory distress syndrome: A novel timing-based ventilatory in J Trauma Acute Care Surg. 2012 Aug;73(2):391-400.
- Presentations/Case Studies - Ventilator weaning practices in the NICU: Evidence-based or expert opinion?
- Presentations/Case Studies - Alveolar Physiology and VILI
- Dead space fraction changes during positive end-expiratory pressure titration following lung recruitment in acute respiratory distress syndrome patients; RESP CARE March 9, 2012 (Ahead of Print)

■ CBRC Examination Application Deadline

The deadline to apply to write the January 7, 2013 national exam is November 15, 2012. For details, please visit www.cbrc.ca/

■ Canadian Intensive Care Week October 29 to November 4

The CSRT has joined with other stakeholders to partner in the Canadian Intensive Care Week from October 29 to November 4, 2012. We take this opportunity to recognize the critical work done by RTs and the healthcare professionals in ICU teams.





CSRT News



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New CJRT Editorial Board Members

The Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy is pleased to announce the appointment of two new volunteer members to the CJRT Editorial Board. Andrew West, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Respiratory Therapy at the University of Manitoba, School of Medical Rehabilitation, Winnipeg, MB and Kathy Spurr, Assistant Professor, School of Health Sciences, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, have accepted

positions on the board.

As the journal evolves – there has been a need to expand the board in order to help frame editorial decisions. Both Andrew and Kathy have been active participants as authors and peer-reviewers for the CJRT. Their research experience and contributions to the profession make them ideal candidates.

CSRT Supports Involvement of RTs in Research

The CSRT continues to provide in-kind contribution to researchers and investigators across Canada thereby facilitating respiratory therapy involvement in research. Most recently, the CSRT has committed to support grant applications from the University of Calgary that aim to improve the safety and quality of care for patients discharged with the development of an evidence-informed intensive care unit discharge tool. RTs will be asked to participate in the expert panel for this project. Another grant application supported by CSRT, submitted by Ontario RRT Mika Nonoyama and a multi-disciplinary team of experts, aims to provide an evidence-based approach for health care management of patients requiring long-term mechanical ventilation in the home setting. Further information will be provided once funding is approved. The total in-kind contribution provided by CSRT for these projects is estimated at \$12,000.

Fanshawe Wins CSRT Fall Student Promotion

Over the last three months schools with RT programs competed to see which school could recruit the highest percentage of new CSRT student members. The prize was a pizza lunch during RT Week. Fanshawe College, London ON - won with 49 students joining! Second place went to The Michener Institute, in Toronto ON with 32 students, and third place was Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton AB, with 18 students. The winning school was determined by taking the percentage of overall students that joined from the school, based on the numbers in the program. Fanshawe had a join-rate that gave them a percentage of 28%!

Special thanks go to educators who helped promote this initiative to the faculty and students of their schools.

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Update CSRT Education Conference Presenters

The call for presenters for the 2013 conference has generated submissions from more than 65 interested individuals. The CSRT is very encouraged by the commitment of its members to engage in professional development activities and share their knowledge with their peers. Individuals selected by the Conference Committee will be contacted by the end of November.

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.

The promotional materials provided by the CSRT have been very popular and the CSRT received a record number of requests. While we attempted to fill all orders, we began to run out of supplies by mid-September. We are very encouraged by the rising number of RTs looking for innovative ways to promote their profession and celebrate the week. The enthusiasm generated by RT Week goes a long way towards raising the profile of the profession.

What's New at respiratoryresource.ca

August Webinar now available

Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation Part One: Devices for NIPPV - A general overview of NIPPV equipment intended for those who may not deliver NIPPV regularly.

Content updates

- TEDMED talk with Dr. Shaf Keshavjee (UHN Toronto)

Discussion updates

- Rapid Response Teams

■ Respiratory Therapy Now Regulated in Newfoundland and Labrador

As of October 5, 2012, respiratory therapy has become a regulated profession in Newfoundland and Labrador. The official notification, under the Health Professions Act, has been signed by the Minister of Health.

■ Canadian Intensive Care Week - October 29 – November 4, 2012

The CSRT joins its partners - The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses, The Canadian Critical Care Society, The Canadian Intensive Care Foundation, The Canadian Critical Care Trials Group and The Critical Care Canada Forum in recognizing the efforts of front-line professional health care workers. Over one hundred types of healthcare professionals work together in ICUs to provide safe care of patients and support to their families. We acknowledge and celebrate their commitment to their professions. Details can be found at http://www.caccn.ca/en/media/canadian_intensive_care_week.html.



■ CSRT Welcomes New Corporate Members

The new CSRT Corporate Membership category provides industry partners with more profile within the RT community. To become a Corporate Member go to http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/corporate_membership.asp or contact Lindsey Naddaf, lnaddaf@csrt.com



CSRT News



CSRT Membership Renewal Starts!

You are now able to renew your membership, professional liability insurance, and all other services for the new membership year (April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014). Renewals can be processed online or by printing and submitting a membership form to our office. Please visit our website for membership details:

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

As per the membership resolution carried at 2009 AGM (That the CSRT membership dues be increased by \$15.00 for the year 2010-2011 and by \$5.00 per year for the next four years) - the cost of membership has increased to \$185. HST and/or GST must now be charged on membership dues as per Revenue Canada and the auditor.

Professional Liability Insurance - Better Value for Your Money!

The CSRT is committed to providing affordable Professional Liability Insurance to members. Over the years the quality of the CSRT coverage has improved while costs have remained stable. We encourage all RTs to check their coverage to ensure they are adequately protected against adverse events. Group insurance programs offered by employers may be limited! The chart below chronicles the improvements to the PLI

offered by the CSRT.

	2009 / 2010	2010 / 2011	2011 / 2012	2012 / 2013	2013 / 2014 Lower price / Better coverage
Option 1 \$2 M per claim \$4 M per year	\$60	\$56	\$56	\$56	\$49 - \$5M per year
Option 2 \$5 M per claim \$10 M per year	\$95	\$90	\$86	\$86	\$85
Legal expense cost	\$25,000 / claim \$50,000 aggregate	\$50,000 / claim \$100,000 aggregate	\$175,000 limit per claim or per year	\$175,000 limit per claim or per year	\$200,000 per claim / per year
Criminal defence reimbursement		\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000 limit	\$200,000 limit Coverage extended to cover libel and slander.
Loss of earning	\$500 per day	\$750 per day	\$750 per day	\$750 per day	\$750
Sexual abuse therapy	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Privacy breach and security	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$5,000
Deductible	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Free legal advice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Free legal advice provided through Bell Temple LLP
Special rate for unlimited extended reporting period for	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

retirement or cessation of practice					
No charge automatic 12 month extended reporting period for maternity, disability, death	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NEW this year
Student coverage when working with CSRT member with PLI insurance	N/A	Available	Available	Available	Available
New Graduate insurance coverage (from graduation until next membership year)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Available	Available

CSRT Launches Facebook Page for Students

The CSRT hopes to encourage even more participation by our student members through this new page created by students, for students. The objective is to unite all students in the 23 RT programs across the country. Check it out! Meet other students, participate in riveting conversations, share stories and clinical anecdotes, make plans for travel, discuss current issues in respiratory therapy, stay up-to-date with CSRT-related news, help other students with questions, participate in the daily competition...can your school correctly answer the RT-related question first?

The CSRT Student Facebook Page can be found at:

<http://www.facebook.com/studentRTs.etudiantsTR>.

Call for Poster Presentation Abstracts CSRT Education Conference May 31 – June 1, 2013

The CSRT is now accepting abstracts for poster presentation at the CSRT Education Conference taking place at the Sheraton-on-the-Falls, Niagara Falls ON

Categories: Best RT Poster and Best Student RT Poster

Prize: \$500.00 per category

All details can be found at:

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

CSRT Board of Directors Meeting

The CSRT Board of Directors meeting will be held in Ottawa, December 7-8, 2012. The board will discuss governance, professional practice and other relevant issues that impact the CSRT and the profession. This bi-yearly meeting is an opportunity for the board to meet face-to-face to solidify ideas and chart the future of the organization.

CSRT Meets Industry

There will also be a meeting with industry partners on December 7. Discussions will take place on topics including - respiratory care issues that impact industry and CSRT involvement; an overview of CSRT initiatives; input from industry as to what works well and what does not. The CSRT in particular, looks forward to brainstorming with industry for their feedback on CSRT future initiatives (i.e. 50th anniversary of the profession and of CSRT in 2014). Industry has long been a supportive partner of the CSRT and this meeting will doubtlessly produce some excellent initiatives as the Society moves towards its golden anniversary.

What's New at [respiratoryresource.ca](http://www.respiratoryresource.ca)

Now you can share the [respiratoryresource.ca](http://www.respiratoryresource.ca) site with other RTs. For the next six months the site will be open-access to non-CSRT members. Explore the posted webinars, journal club and a host of discussion and content updates at:

<http://www.respiratoryresource.ca/>

Recently posted material includes:

- Philips Respironics Webinar - “Can all patients benefit from NIV?”
- Article - Daily Sedation Interruption - A randomized trial of daily sedative interruption in mechanically ventilated critically ill patients cared for with a sedation protocol
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- Journal Club Meeting Monday November 26, 2012 at 2pm EST: Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome - The Berlin Definition JAMA. 2012;307(23):2526-2533 Hosted by Dr. Peter Papadakos
- “Every Breath You Take” RT Week parody song

CoARTE Update

The Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education has approved the letters of intent for accreditation submitted by two new respiratory therapy programs, one at Collège de Valleyfield, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, QC and at St. Clair College, Windsor, ON. We welcome them and wish them good luck on their path of delivering high quality respiratory therapy education. The accreditation visits will take place before the programs graduate their first cohorts, in 2014.

CSRT at CARTA Conference

The CSRT attended the late October annual meeting of the College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta, in Edmonton AB. This well-attended event was a great opportunity for CSRT staff to meet with western colleagues.



***L to R: Cheryl Babiak, RRT; Bryan Buell, RRT, BGS;
Richard McDermott, Ph. D.; Gregory Hind, RRT, CARTA President***

■ **University of Ottawa Hosts Smoking Cessation Conference**

Don't miss the 5th Annual Ottawa Conference: State of the Art Clinical Approaches to Smoking Cessation, to be held on February 1 and 2, 2013 at the scenic Fairmont Château Laurier Hotel. Details at:

http://www.ottawamodel.ca/en_ottawaconference.php.

■ **RT Week Wrap**

RTs across the country found innovative and interesting ways to promote the profession and celebrate RT Week. Below are some examples. More RT Week pictures and activities can be found at: http://www.csrt.com/en/events/rt_week.asp.

Amherst, NS

RTs celebrated the week with a respiratory display in the front lobby of Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre. Visitors and colleagues were encouraged to visit the booth with bribes of multiple refills on the candy dish. Subsequently it became necessary to refill the information pamphlets as well. The display seemed to generate great response.

London, ON



During RT Week, RT students at Fanshawe College enjoyed a free pizza lunch compliments of the CSRT. The RT program recruited the highest percentage of new CSRT student members with 49 students joining!

Edmonton, AB

“Respiratory Therapy: A Day at the Mall” was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre in Edmonton, AB. More than fifty volunteers came out to let their light shine while promoting the field of respiratory therapy and lung health.

Fred Horne, the Minister of Health for the province of Alberta, attended in support of our event and entered in a friendly competition against Stephen Mandel, Mayor of Edmonton, to determine which politician has more “hot air.” It was deemed to be a tie. Mayor Mandel, although unable to attend on October 24th, did complete his spirometry testing at City Hall the day prior to the event. He also presented with a proclamation on behalf of the city of Edmonton, recognizing the contribution of respiratory therapists within the community.

Linda Revell, Sr. Vice President Operations, Chief Operating Officer of Covenant Health and Leigh Allard, Vice-President of Development with The Lung Association of Alberta & NWT, also lent their support by attending the event and participating with spirometry testing. Throughout the day, many interested shoppers learned about various aspects of

respiratory health, such as proper use of medications, home care equipment, pulmonary rehabilitation, obstructive sleep apnea, self management of COPD, spirometry testing, tobacco reduction and the respiratory therapy program at NAIT.

Vancouver, BC

At Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) in Vancouver, BC, the RT department had the student respiratory therapists (SRT) man stations. Thanks to students - Becky Wilcox, Sapan Behar, Sapna Kumar and Anna Svetlichny.

They had team challenges which were open to anyone that wanted to participate. They included:

- Name that medication
- Intubation Challenge
- Suction event
- Calculations and trivia
- Peak Flows
- The 7200 ventilator

CSRT Welcomes New Corporate Members

The new CSRT Corporate Membership category provides industry partners with more profile within the RT community. To become a Corporate Member go to

http://www.csrt.com/en/membership/corporate_membership.asp or contact Lindsey Naddaf, lnaddaf@csrt.com

