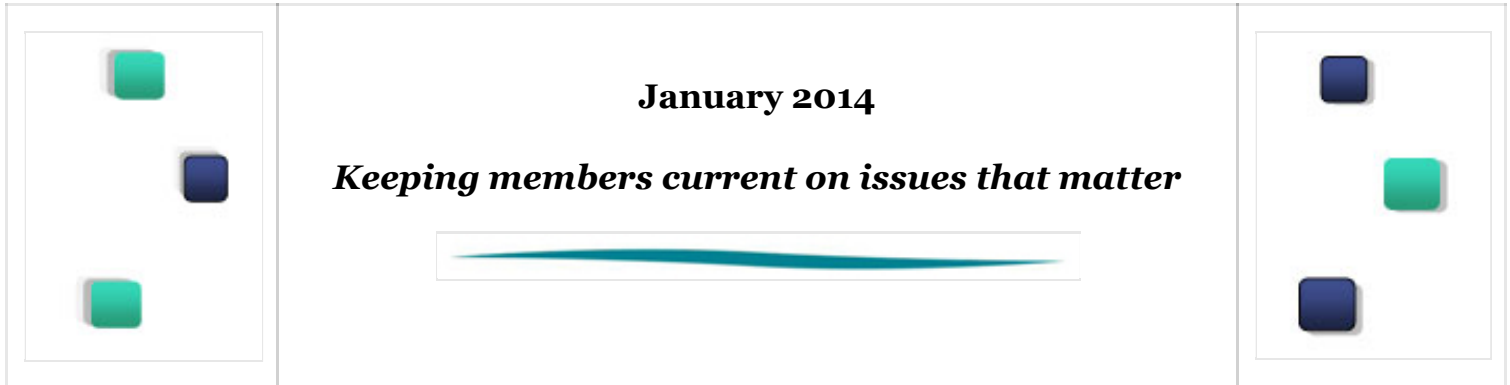


# CSRT News



## **50th CSRT Annual Education Conference – May 22-24, 2014**

The conference education program and registration is now available on-line. More educational opportunities will be posted in early February with special workshops and product information sessions offered on various topics of interest. All conference information will be on the CSRT web site at: [www.csrt.com](http://www.csrt.com) See special promotions below!

### **Promotion for RT Departments – 4 registrations for the price of 3**

As hospitals and other employers have limited funds to enable all RTs to attend the CSRT Annual Education Conference, the CSRT has implemented a special promotion to practice leaders and managers to make it affordable to send as many RTs from their department as possible to the 50th Anniversary Conference – **we offer 1 free registration for every 3 RTs registered from your department.** **How it works:** all four registration forms must be submitted together as a pack of four by mail or fax. All registration forms and payments must be received by May 1, 2014. **This promo cannot be done online.**

### **Promotion for Students – 2 registrations for the price of 1**

Team up with a friend and take advantage of our 2 for 1 deal for students - **we**

**offer 1 free registration for every 1 Student RT registered from the same program!** Students can therefore attend the entire conference for half the cost (\$37.50). There will be a special Student Forum and many other educational activities for students. To take advantage of this promo please submit both registration forms together to the CSRT office by mail or fax before May 1, 2014. **This promo cannot be done online.**

### **Winner – CSRT Membership Draw**

Each month the CSRT draws the name of a CSRT member that has renewed its membership – Katie Boyce from Regina, Saskatchewan, is the winner of the January draw and will receive a complimentary registration to the 2014 CSRT Conference. Another draw will be held in early February.

## **CSRT Launches Video to Celebrate 50th**

CSRT has launched a video to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the profession. Created by Ingrid Hakanson from B.C., the video outlines the evolution of the profession to it is today. Ingrid has developed previous videos to promote the profession. You can view the video from the CSRT home page or on YouTube at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGCk4oV7goE>

## **Promote “RT pioneers” on**

We all know a colleague, a mentor, a leader that has made significant contributions to the RT profession. These are the “pioneers” of the profession. During this 50th anniversary year, the CSRT encourages you to post a photo of these pioneers, young and old, and their accomplishments. You can submit via our facebook account at

<https://www.facebook.com/csrt.sctr> or our twitter account at

[https://twitter.com/@CSRT\\_tweets](https://twitter.com/@CSRT_tweets)

## **Call for Poster Presentation - Abstracts**

Students and respiratory therapists are invited to submit a poster presentation to be displayed during the CSRT Annual Education Conference in Montreal. Due to limited space, the CSRT will accept 15 entries in each category (RT and student) and the winner in each category receives a cash prize of \$500. Abstracts will be published in the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapists. The presentation of your work at a national educational conference and publication of your abstract in a peer reviewed journal is very prestigious, and is an acknowledgement of your professional status. For more information, please contact [editor@csrt.com](mailto:editor@csrt.com). Rules and registration information is available on the CSRT web site at <http://www.csrt.com/en/events/index.asp>

## **Free Webinar on February 20 at 3 p.m. EST – Register early!**

Entitled “*A Look Under the Hood of the epoc® Blood Analysis System*” this webinar will take an in-depth look at the science and technology behind the first 21st century blood gas/electrolyte point of care test device. Presenter is expert in this field Thomas I Koshy, PhD.

**Register at:** <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EA52DC80894F31>

## **TV Documentary highlights role of RT in the E.R.**

A documentary was aired in January that highlights the role of the RT in the Emergency Room. Ingrid Hakanson, an RT who works in the E.R. at the Vancouver General Hospital, stars in the first episode of a documentary produced by the BC Knowledge Network entitled: *Emergency Department: Life and Death at the Vancouver General Hospital*. You can view this documentary at: <http://er.knowledge.ca/watch-episodes/>

## **Winners – Student Membership Draw**

The winners of the student membership draws for students who joined the CSRT

between July 15th and December 13th 2013 are:

**First Place:** **Robin Carter of Thompson Rivers University** has won a complimentary registration and a \$500 reimbursement cheque that can be used towards travel or accommodation for the CSRT 2014 conference in Montreal, Quebec!

**Second Place:** **Bret Ludlow of Fanshawe College** has won a complimentary conference registration as well as two nights of accommodation for the CSRT 2014 conference in Montreal, Quebec!

## **Free Sleep Workshops for RTs**

DeVilbiss Healthcare is pleased to offer **FREE Sleep Workshops** worth 6 CME / CPD credits.

These interactive workshops are approved through the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists. Upcoming workshops will be held in

**Vancouver, BC** — Tuesday, February 11, 2014

**Calgary, AB** — Thursday, February 13, 2014

**Mississauga, ON** — Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Each workshop, entitled ***Success in Sleep: Connecting the Dots***, includes:

- Overlap Syndrome: The Connection Between OSA and COPD
- Wake Up to the Workplace Effects of SDB
- Sleep from the Inside Out
- Making Sense of the Interface Market

**Register through the CSRT web site at:**

**[http://www.csrt.com/en/events/related\\_events.asp](http://www.csrt.com/en/events/related_events.asp)**

## CSRT News



### CSRT Newsletter back on track

Due to staff shortage at CSRT (one staff on maternity leave and on staff on long term disability), combined with the additional work of planning the 50th anniversary conference for the profession, it was not possible to issue a regular newsletter. We are now back on track and will provide monthly updates to members.

You can also follow us on  

### CSRT moves - new address, less cost

In an attempt to lower operational costs, the CSRT has moved to **2460 Lancaster Road, Suite 201, Ottawa, ON K1B 4S5**. Telephone, fax and e-mail remains the same. The move allows us to save approximately \$30,000 per year in the operational budget.

### CSRT Launches Anesthesia Assistant Certificate (AA-CSRT)

While continuing to work with Canadian Anesthesiologists Society and other stakeholders on a comprehensive AA certification process, the CSRT has established the AA-CSRT Certificate. RTs' and eligible associate members will be accepted into the Anaesthesia Assistant Certificate process once annually, and once they are accepted they may use the professional designation of AA-CSRT.

For more information on the eligibility and the application process, please click the following link on the CSRT web site:  
[http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/aa\\_certificate.asp](http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/aa_certificate.asp)

### Welcoming Fellows of the CSRT

At its May 2014 meeting, the Board of Directors approved six new Fellows. The CSRT now has approved 131 RRT for the FCSRT professional designation since the inception of the program in 2010.

**The following individuals have received their FCSRT professional designation:**

- Stacey Halliday, RRT, FCSRT (Toronto, ON)
- Bruce MacRae, RRT, FCSRT (Doha, Qatar)
- Shane McDonald, RRT, FCSRT (Winnipeg, MB)
- Thomas Piraino, RRT, FCSRT (Beamsville, ON)
- Shelley Prevost, RRT, FCSRT (Thunder Bay, ON)

- Patricia-Ann Therriault, RRT, FCSRT (St Laurent, QC)
- Andrew West, RRT, FCSRT (Winnipeg, MB)

For more information on the FCSRT program and the application process, please click the following link on the CSRT web site: <http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/fellowship.asp>

## ■ 2014 CSRT Conference – photo gallery

The 2014 CSRT conference and the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the RT profession was a resounding success. A photo gallery has been set up on the CSRT web site for your viewing pleasure. Link to conference photo gallery on the left hand side of the page at: [http://www.csrt.com/en/events/2015\\_conference.asp](http://www.csrt.com/en/events/2015_conference.asp)

## ■ 2014 RT Week – October 26 to November 1, 2014

Material for 2014 RT week is now available – material includes a wall calendar poster and hand-outs for patients (desk calendars and “What is an RT” brochure). Also available is a “how to guide” to help you plan your activities. Members can also purchase RT t-shirts and long-sleeve shirts – for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the profession, the CSRT will provide one free t-shirt or long-sleeved shirt to anyone who purchases shirts. Further information on 2014 RT week can be found at the following link: [http://www.csrt.com/en/events/rt\\_week.asp](http://www.csrt.com/en/events/rt_week.asp).

## ■ Call for Presenters - 51<sup>st</sup> CSRT Annual Education Conference

As in the past the CSRT invites RTs to submit a presentation for the 2015 CSRT Annual Education Conference which will be held in Alberta, Calgary from May 21-23, 2015. Working with a Program Committee from CARTA, the program will include a program that is more in keeping with the challenges facing RTs – submissions are accepted for the following areas – quality improvement, patient safety, research and innovation, patient and family-centered care and evidence-based practice as well as a Leadership Forum, an Educators’ Forum and a Student Forum. **Deadline for submission is October 1, 2014.**

The application form is available at the following link: <http://www.csrt.com/en/events/index.asp>. The conference will also include a series of hands-on workshops in mechanical ventilation, difficult airway management, sleep studies, etc., as well as PALS, ACLS and NRP recertification.

## ■ Corporations Canada issues Certificate of Continuance

As there is new legislation governing the not-for-profit organizations, the CSRT had to re-apply for its non-profit status and new by-laws were approved by the membership at the May 2014 AGM. CSRT has just received confirmation that the certificate of continuance has been issued replacing the original letters patent. For more information on the requirements under the new legislation, please visit the Corporations Canada web site at:

<http://www.corporationscanada.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cd-dgc.nsf/eng/home>.

## ■ CBRC Increases Exam Fees

The CBRC has increase the examination fees to \$900 including HST effective January 2015. This is the first fee increase in five years and is required to cover the increasing cost for the production and delivery of the certification exam. CBRC is



committed to providing a certification exam to the highest possible standard.

## ■ Respiratory Services Redevelopment Project

A 1-year project is under way to redevelop all aspects of CIHI's MIS Standards related to respiratory services. These revisions will be published in the Standards for Management Information Systems in Canadian Health Service Organizations (MIS Standards) 2016. The data that is collected and reported supports the management of respiratory services and is used for planning and decision-making related to respiratory services operations, as well as for understanding them.

CIHI will post 4 articles (in English and in French) over the next year detailing an overview of the project, MIS Standards and data use, improving data quality and a summary of the project. Interested professional associations are invited to link to this article from their own websites, to share communication about this important project. This URL leads to the MIS webpage: <http://www.cihi.ca/CIHI-ext-portal/internet/en/tabbedcontent/standards+and+data+submission/standards/mis+standards/cihio10691>.

Once this URL is accessed, readers can click on the link to the first article by clicking on:

**Part 1: Project Overview (PDF).** The screenshot below shows where this information is on the page.

The screenshot shows the CIHI website's 'MIS Standards' page. The page has a navigation bar with links like 'Types of Care', 'Health System Performance', 'Spending and Health Workforce', 'Factors Influencing Health', 'Quick Stats', 'Data and Standards', 'Events and Education', and 'About CIHI'. The 'Data and Standards' section is active. Below the navigation bar, there's a sidebar with links to 'Access Data', 'Bulletins and Technical News', 'Data Holdings', 'Data Quality', 'Data Submission', 'Standards', 'Case Mix', 'Classification and Coding', 'Information Technology Architecture', 'MIS Standards', and 'Vendor Licensing'. The main content area is titled 'MIS Standards' and contains several paragraphs. A red box highlights the section titled 'Redevelopment of the MIS Standards: Respiratory Services', which describes a 1-year project to redevelop all aspects of CIHI's MIS Standards related to respiratory services. The text mentions that the data collected supports the management of respiratory services and is used for planning and decision-making. It also states that 4 articles will be posted over the next year, detailing an overview of the project, MIS Standards and data use, improving data quality, and a summary of the project. A link to 'Part 1: Project Overview (PDF)' is provided. Below the red box, there's a section for 'Interested professional associations' invited to link to these articles from their own websites. At the bottom, there's a contact section for feedback and questions, with a link to 'Contact our MIS section at [mis@cihi.ca](mailto:mis@cihi.ca)' and a link to 'Have a data inquiry or research question? [Make a custom data request](#)'.

### Contact us:

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## CSRT News



### ■ CSRT Launches a BLUEPRINT FOR THE PROFESSION

As the profession of respiratory therapy in Canada and the CSRT celebrate 50 years of existence, the nature of the roles and responsibilities of the practicing respiratory therapist continues to evolve. The challenges and opportunities practitioners across Canada face today are significantly different than they were a half century ago. In order to maintain the highest levels of patient care the profession will continue its evolution in response to multiple pressures, including: funding models, patient needs, new technology and demographic change.

The Blueprint consists of a series of nine foundational pillars. The pillars are broad statements which are bolstered by supporting statements; these refer to more specific drivers or actions that support the realization of the above principles. The Blueprint is titled on a fundamental principle:

***“Respiratory therapy: dedicated to optimal cardio-respiratory health and wellness”***

The purpose of the Blueprint is to provide a framework in which future policy directions for the profession can be developed such that they remain aligned with the health needs of the Canadian population. This document will serve as a valuable resource for CSRT and its collaborators when considering the future strategic directions of the profession. You can see an overview and download a poster from the CSRT web site at:

[http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/blueprint\\_profession.asp](http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/blueprint_profession.asp)

### ■ Nominations - 2015 CSRT Awards Program – some changes

CSRT members are invited to submit nominations for the 2015 awards program. The Awards program has been reviewed and updated by the CSRT Board of Directors. Please note major changes with the Colya Kaminiarz and Robert Merry Awards – one will recognize excellence in professional practice while the other will recognize excellence in the field of RT education. There is no longer a lecture associated with the Robert Merry Award. Information on each of the following awards, as well as nomination forms are available at the following link: <http://www.csrt.com/en/about/awards.asp>

***Please note that CAREstream Medical Ltd has terminated its Elite Sponsorship with the CSRT – financial support for the CAREstream/CSRT Student Achievement Awards, conference and advertisements in the CJRT are therefore cancelled.***

### ■ Deadline – September 30 - Applications for the Fellowship (FCSRT) and for the AA Certificate (AA-CSRT)



The deadline for application is fast approaching. You can find the application for the fellowship at:

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

The AA certificate application can be found at: [http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/aa\\_certificate.asp](http://www.csrt.com/en/professional/aa_certificate.asp). The Board of Directors will review and approve the FCSRT and AA-CSRT at its November meeting.

## ■ Patient Safety Initiative – Invitation to RTs

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) has launched a special campaign to celebrate their 10-year anniversary to be held during Canadian Patient Safety Week October 27-31, 2014. This engagement campaign is designed to share good news stories from health organizations across Canada. After a decade of working with so many incredible partners, healthcare providers and patients across the country, we wanted to capture and share what people have been doing to make care safer. The details to participate in this campaign and a few examples can be found at -

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

<http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/English/news/CelebratingSafeCare/Pages/TheStories.aspx>

CPSI invites RTs to submit a “boast” of their own to celebrate the work RTs do in healthcare! It’s real easy to post a boast; all you need is a webcam and a minute, or up to 140 characters in a tweet (#CelebratingSafeCare)

## ■ CBRC Recruiting Volunteers

The Canadian Board for Respiratory Care (CBRC) is recruiting volunteers to fill a current vacancy for General Therapeutics on the Examination Development and Review Committee. RTs interested in becoming a content expert on the CBRC Exam Development and Review Committee are asked to please submit their resume to the CBRC Board of Directors no later than October 10, 2014. Members of this committee meet usually twice per year, for a period of 5 days. The Committee may meet 2-3 days prior to a regional or national conference when required. Applicants must be an RT in good standing with their regulatory body or with CSRT. For more information, contact Phil Richardson at [cbrc@cbrc.ca](mailto:cbrc@cbrc.ca)

## ■ Deadline – September 26 - 2014 RT Week material

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## ■ October 1st is deadline Call for Presenters – 2015 CSRT conference

RTs are invited to submit a presentation for the 2015 CSRT Annual Education Conference which will be held in Alberta, Calgary from May 21-23, 2015 - submissions are accepted for the following areas – ***quality improvement, patient safety, research and innovation, patient and family-centered care and evidence-based practice, Leadership Forum, Educators’ Forum, Student Forum***. The application form is available at the following link: <http://www.csrt.com/en/events/index.asp>. The conference will also include a series of hands-on workshops in mechanical ventilation, difficult airway management, sleep studies, etc., as well as PALS, ACLS and NRP recertification. **RTs selected to present will receive funding for travel, accommodation and a complimentary registration to the conference.**

## **Board of Directors – an Update**

Two members of the Board will be leaving in May 2015 - Chantale MacEwen (PEI) who brings the perspective from Atlantic Canada and from a non-regulated jurisdiction; and Angela Coxe (ON) who brings the perspectives from Leadership and from Ontario. The nomination and voting of new Board members is not required at this time because all of the Board competencies will be fulfilled after May 2015 by the current Board as follows:

### **Perspectives from each area of practice:**

<b>Anesthesia</b>	Jessie Cox and David Sheets
<b>Chronic Care</b>	Elizabeth French
<b>Critical Care</b>	Jeff Dionne
<b>Pediatric and Neonates</b>	Adam Buettner
<b>Education</b>	Barbara MacDonald, David Sheets, Louis Phillip Belle-Isle
<b>Leadership</b>	Jeff Dionne
<b>Student</b>	Dave Sahadeo
<b>Industry</b>	Susan Martin

### **Perspectives from each region:**

<b>Ontario</b>	Jeff Dionne, Susan Martin
<b>Quebec</b>	Louis-Phillip Belle-Isle
<b>Atlantic Canada</b>	Barbara MacDonald, Jessie Cox
<b>Western Canada</b>	Elizabeth French, Adam Buettner, David Sheets, Dave Sahadeo
<b>Non-regulated</b>	David Sheets

In the fall of 2015, the CSRT will be seeking nominations for the election of Board members from the following perspectives for a term commencing in May 2016:

**Education**

**Student**

**Industry**

**Quebec**

**Non-regulated**

Please stay tuned for the call for nomination in the fall of 2015.

## **CSRT On-Line Job Bank Listings**

## **Free Workshop in Calgary– November 19 – The Keys to Sleep: Diagnosis to Treatment Workshop**

Whether you are starting out or have worked in the RT field for years, there is one thing you can count on – change! With continued advancements in sleep and respiratory therapy, it's important to understand the keys to sleep. The workshop includes the following modules:

- Review of Diagnostic Systems for the Diagnosis of OSA

- Autotitrating CPAP: Theory and Practice Aspects
- Autotitrating CPAP and Autotitrating Bilevel: Reading Studies
- Making Sense of the Interface Market

Location: Best Western Port O' Call, 1935 McKnight Blvd N.E., Calgary, Alberta, T2E 6V4 P: 403-291-4600

This program is approved for 6 CSRT continuing education / professional development credits.

For more information or to register please go to registration of workshops at: [www.devilbissclinicaleducation.com](http://www.devilbissclinicaleducation.com)

## ■ Respiratory Services Redevelopment Project

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The data that is collected and reported supports the management of respiratory services and is used for planning and decision-making related to respiratory services operations, as well as for understanding them. Quality data can be used to develop budgets based on workload and activity projections, to provide information on resources, to provide services and their costs, to trend and compare, and to enhance operational efficiency.

We will post 4 articles over the next year detailing an overview of the project, MIS Standards and data use, improving data quality and a summary of the project.

[Part 1: Project Overview \(PDF\)](#)

Interested professional associations are invited to link to these articles from their own websites.

We welcome your feedback and questions

• Contact our MIS section at [mis@cihi.ca](mailto:mis@cihi.ca)

Have a data inquiry or research question? [Make a custom data request](#)

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Keeping members current on issues that matter

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## Membership renewal starts December 8

As of December 8, you will be able to renew your membership, professional liability insurance and all other services for the new membership year (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016). Renewals can be processed online or by printing and submitting a membership form to our office. Don't forget that you can use the CSRT monthly payment plan to renew for your CSRT membership, regulatory fees and professional liability insurance.

### Renew and win!

Renew your membership before March 31<sup>st</sup> and be entered in a draw for a chance to win an iPad mini. Also starting January 1 and continuing February 1, March 1, and April 1, CSRT will draw one name each month for a chance to win an external cell phone battery. Renew your membership sooner rather than later to have your name entered in all four draws.

### Professional Liability Insurance - Good Value for Your Money!

The CSRT is committed to providing affordable Professional Liability Insurance to members. At just \$48.00 – it is a great value! **NEW this year!** Your professional liability insurance includes coverage of legal expenses for professional practice misconduct dismissal by employer. This exciting new feature is unprecedented in the field and is not available to any other health professional at this time!

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 and likely will not cover RTs for volunteer work, special projects, private practice or when there is a complaint to your licensing body!



## CSRT has a new website

We have updated the layout of the CSRT web site with the goal of finding important content more easily. The search function is fast and robust and should help you find what you need even faster. You can hover over menu items to see additional sections. If you spend a lot of time on mobile devices the site is fully mobile responsive, which means it looks great on a phone or tablet! The site is available in English now and the French site will be completed by early February 2015.

### ***Browser Compatibility***

The ability to use more features and new technologies on a website (such as flexible layouts for various screen sizes i.e. mobile phones and tablets), results in a better browsing experience for users of the website. **This unfortunately means that outdated web browsers will no longer be supported.** This means you can visit the site, but it will not render properly. If you are required to use an outdated web browser in your institution, and are a regular user of the site, please discuss the following browser options with your IT department/specialist.

#### **Browsers Supported for Viewing the New Site**

**Chrome:** The three most recent versions

**Firefox:** The three most recent versions

**Safari:** 6, 7, and 8

**Internet Explorer:** 9, 10, and 11

### ***Voting and Other Action Items***

For action items required by members email (voting, webinar and journal club registrations, etc.), emails sent to members will have direct links to online forms that do not require you to access the site directly. This will allow

members to participate even if your institution is using an outdated browser. Journal Club and Webinar presentations are hosted on a service that is still supported by older browsers.

### ***Credit Tracking System***

The credit tracking system is now easier than ever for members to log learning activities, even from a mobile phone or tablet. A direct link to the online form can also be made available on request for members using this feature, but who are using an outdated browser in their institution.

### ***Integration of Respiratory Resource***

Respiratory Resource (called RT Resource on the new site) is integrated into the new CSRT site and in the new year will resume regular journal club presentations and Webinars, with a more broad focus in Respiratory Care (a little less adult critical care content). All past presentations will be found on the site, as well as recommended reading articles, and the catalogue of guidelines are now easier to find.

## **CSRT 2015 Conference**

The preliminary program is being finalized. The CSRT is excited to collaborate with the College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta (CARTA) for the 2015 Annual Education Conference. We have lined up a series of pre-conference workshops that will be complimentary for RTs who are registered for the full conference. The workshops include a difficult airways workshop, a mechanical ventilation – advance critical care management workshop; a PALS recertification and ACLS recertification; a sleep studies workshop. Watch for the dissemination of the preliminary program in early January!

## **NEW AWARD – Excellence in Pulmonary Diagnostics**

The CSRT is pleased to announce a new award sponsored by Cardinal Health Canada – the Cardinal Excellence in Pulmonary Diagnostics Award to recognize an RT who has made significant contributions and/or has influenced others toward higher levels of achievement in pulmonary diagnostics. To be eligible for this award, the RT must be a member in good standing of the CSRT and has made significant achievements in Pulmonary Function Testing, including the fields of PFT and/or cardiopulmonary exercise testing and patient education associated with a trip to the lab. Nomination requests will be distributed in early January 2015.

## **Medavie Blue Cross Announcement - update**

The CSRT has held further discussions with Medavie Blue Cross concerning the registration of eligible RTs for the reimbursement benefits. Because the services will be reimbursed to all providers that have the CRE/CAE professional designation and professional liability insurance, Medavie Blue Cross is setting up a process for each provider to register directly on their web site. A unique record will be set up for each RT (or provider) and a unique number for each location the RT works from (i.e. family health clinic, private clinic, etc.). Medavie Blue Cross will disseminate a bulletin in the near future for dissemination to all providers.

## **RT week social media contest**

There was a substantial participation in the CSRT Facebook contest during RT week – there were 870 entries and the winner was randomly selected using a Sweepstakes software – the winner of the \$50 pre-paid VISA card is Laurie Downey who works at Peterborough Medigas in Ontario. Congratulations to all of you who participated.

## **RT week student contest**

A nationwide competition was held between all RT education programs for the “Best RT Week” as judged by the **CSRT Board of Directors**! The first place prize for “Best RT Week” received Tim Horton



cards for coffee and donuts for the program and t-shirts for the RT week volunteers! The second place program won a Tim Horton Card for coffee and donuts!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place      The Michener Institute**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Fanshawe College**

### **Call for papers – CJRT special issue on Tobacco**

The Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy (CJRT) is planning a special issue on topics related to tobacco for October 2015. The CJRT Editorial Board invites authors to submit manuscripts related to research findings, reports on projects related to tobacco, case studies and editorial/opinion columns, as well as international or developing practices worldwide. Final submissions will be due on May 1, 2015. If you have questions, please contact the CJRT Managing Editor at [editor@cjrt.com](mailto:editor@cjrt.com).

### **Free Workshop in Ottawa – December 9, 2014 – Success in Sleep: Connecting the Dots**

Every once in a while you come across a patient that by all indications should be compliant with their PAP therapy: however, somewhere there is a disconnect. Often times, there are unseen circumstances preventing successful sleep therapy. To ensure our patients are comfortable and compliant with their therapy, sometimes we must connect the dots. The workshop includes the following modules:

- Overlap Syndrome: The Connection between OSA and COPD
- Wake UP to the Workplace Effect of Sleep Disordered Breathing (SDB)
- Sleep from the Inside Out
- Making Sense of the Interface Market

**\*Location of workshop: Hilton Garden Inn, 2400 Alert Road, Ottawa, ON K1V 1S1**

**\*\*Breakfast and lunch provided**

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### **CIHI Respiratory Services Redevelopment Project**

A 1-year project is under way to redevelop all aspects of CIHI's MIS Standards related to respiratory services. These revisions will be published in the *Standards for Management Information Systems in Canadian Health Service Organizations* (MIS Standards) 2016. The data that is collected and reported supports the management of respiratory services and is used for planning and decision-making related to respiratory services operations, as well as for understanding them. CIHI is posting 4 articles (in English and in French) over this year detailing an overview of the project, MIS Standards and data use, improving data quality and a summary of the project. The first two articles, are now posted on the MIS webpage, which can be found here: <http://www.cihi.ca/CIHI-external/internet/en/tabbedcontent/standards+and+data+submission/standards/mis+standards/cihi010691>.

Interested professional associations are invited to link to these articles from their own websites, to share communication about this important project. Once this URL is accessed, readers can click onto the link to first two articles by clicking on: [Part 1: Project Overview \(PDF\)](#) – [Part 2: The MIS Standards and Data Use \(PDF\)](#).

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact the project team at [rsmis@cihi.ca](mailto:rsmis@cihi.ca)



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<b>Respiratory Therapist – Sleep Disordered Breathing Program</b>	British Columbia, Vancouver Lower Mainland	MedPro Respiratory Care	December 2, 2014
<b>Clinical Sleep Consultant (RRT)</b>	Etobicoke, ON	VitalAire	November 12, 2014
<b>Registered Respiratory Therapist – Sleep</b>	Prince George, BC	VitalAire Canada	November 11, 2014
<b>Registered Respiratory Therapist</b>	Lethbridge, AB	Respiratory Homecare Solutions Inc.	November 5, 2014
<b>Sales Consultant</b>	Dartmouth, NS	VitalAire	November 4, 2014-12-05
<b>Registered Respiratory Therapist</b>	Red Deer and area	Funktional Sleep Solutions	November 25, 2014

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