


CSRT Newsletter



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Keeping members current on issues that matter



RT Week contest and order form reminder

Have you started to think about *How you are an ambassador for your profession?* OR...

How you could be an ambassador for your profession? Have fun, and be creative! Make sure to submit your short video by October 9th, for more information visit <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-contest>

Make sure to get your orders into us for wall calendars and the “What is an RT?” Brochures (for distribution to the public) before they run out! Both items are complimentary and all orders are being filled on a first come first ask basis.



Membership survey – WIN a \$100 VISA gift card!

How are we doing? What can we do better? What do you like the most? Tell us what you think!

In an effort to increase membership value and satisfaction, as well as have YOU the members rate our current services/products being offered, the CSRT is asking its membership to provide feedback by completing a 30 second survey. To complete the survey now and be entered in a draw for a \$50 Visa Card

<http://form.jotformpro.com/form/52208695523963>. Survey will be available until September 30th.



CSRT Listservs

Are you looking for RTs’ experience using a new product your department is thinking of trialing? Have you had a patient present with a unique symptom and are unsure of how to manage them? Do you need help from other RTs in troubleshooting a new problem? The CSRT listservs allow you to network virtually with RTs from across Canada by sending your questions directly to other subscribers’ inboxes and relaying their answers directly to you. The CSRT hosts Professional Practice, Neonatal/Pediatric, Education and Leadership listservs. Please note that there is no longer an AA Listserv category. We invite you to use the Professional Practice Listserv instead. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/csrt-listservs/>.



Reminder of upcoming deadlines

- **CSRT Fellowship DEADLINE September 30th**

The FCSRT professional designation was created to recognize CSRT registered members who have made a significant and consistent contribution to the development of the science and profession of respiratory therapy and who have made a commitment to lifelong learning by completing 25 CE/CPD credits per year. For information and to apply, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/csrt-fellowship-fcrt/>.

- **CSRT Anesthesia Assistant Certificate DEADLINE September 30th**

This certificate was created to recognize CSRT-registered and associate members who have completed additional education and training in the field of anesthesia to become an anesthesia assistant. For information and to apply, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/aa-certificate/>.

- **Call for Presenters – 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference DEADLINE October 1st**

RTs are invited to submit a presentation for the 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference which will be held in Ottawa, ON from May 26-28, 2016.

For more information and submission form please follow this link: <http://www.csrt.com/ottawa-2016/>

- **Nominations for CSRT Board of Directors DEADLINE October 1st**

The CSRT Board of Directors is seeking nominations from respiratory therapists, who are registered members in good standing, to fulfill the following Board profile:

Board perspectives required: Education, Industry, Critical Care and Non-Regulated Jurisdiction (BC, Territories, PEI).

Term: May 2016-May 2018

For more information and nomination form please click here: <http://www.csrt.com/board-of-directors/>

- **Nominations for CSRT Award Program DEADLINE October 1st**

CSRT members are invited to submit nominations for the 2016 CSRT awards program. CSRT members in good standing are eligible for: (1) the **Colya Kaminiarz Award** to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions in professional practice and/or has influenced others towards higher levels of professional practice; (2) the **Robert Merry Award** to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions in the field of RT education and/or has influenced others towards a high level of achievement in RT education; (3) the **Excellence in Pulmonary Function Testing Award** to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions in the field of pulmonary function testing or who has influenced others toward higher levels of achievement in pulmonary diagnostics.

Information on each of the awards, as well as nomination forms are available at the following link:

<http://www.csrt.com/award-programs/>.

Professional development opportunities – Earn CSRT CE/CPD credits

The CSRT will review external educational events for CSRT CE/CPD credits. To apply to have your event recognized and promoted by the CSRT, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/awarding-csrt-credits>.

The following events have been assessed and approved for CSRT CE/CPD credits:

Pulmonary Function Symposium

The Canadian Association of Cardio-Pulmonary Technologists (CACPT) is offering a Pulmonary Function Testing Symposium at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto on October 24th, 2015. The Symposium is open to all Pulmonary Function Technologists, Respiratory Therapists and Allied Health Professionals. To register on line and view the program, please go to <http://www.cacpt.ca/>.

This symposium has been approved for **8 CSRT CE/CPD credits**.

APRV Workshop

This 2-day workshop offered by Upstate Medical University, NY features didactic lectures by nationally/internationally recognized speakers and hands-on experience with the application of Airway Pressure

Release Ventilation (APRV). Lectures will include an overview of alveolar mechanics, mechanistic causes of lung injury, histopathologic analysis, understanding how to set and wean APRV and case studies. Hands-on workshops include case scenarios setting and adjusting APRV, working with uninjured and injured test lungs and laboratory models. Interactive question and answer sessions will be included throughout the two days with presenters and participants. For more information or to register, please visit www.upstate.edu/surgery/conference/.

This workshop has been approved for **16 CSRT CE/CPD credits**.

Safety Features of Pulmonary Vasodilator Delivery Devices

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals presented a one-hour webinar with Richard Branson to discuss delivery systems used to provide inhaled pulmonary vasodilators to patients with pulmonary hypertension. The importance of device safety was discussed, as well as safety considerations for inhaled pulmonary vasodilator delivery devices. This webinar is now archived and available online, please visit

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001JRsoxwcvhr1lkOfGN5M9g-TaLKeqDGEcTCxc3k5CQKxE4SfhB-Gzpaogw6BKsuxNhi5hoYm5bmi47e3meD2yIzyqkgpxzXajVAqUrS66TA7VnLPOu3ETOU-nwJTXcre31qo9uoTcrHkV5lpF17rUkZdOidVtGWxllCaTzwzb-kD5N2FKkVt_s9vrLAWauPAR2t1-RYRAiqbUj3URmb5ARA==.

This webinar has been approved for **1 CSRT CE/CPD credit**.

RTs needed for the AQHI Train the Trainer program

The CSRT is a partner in the project with the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) for the Air Quality Health Index project (AQHI). We are pleased to announce that Health Canada is funding another year of the AQHI Train the Trainer Program and are in the process of recruiting some additional trainers. We have been asked to assist the CFPC in the recruitment of respiratory therapists from Alberta, British Columbia or Ontario, who would be interested in participating in the program and becoming an AQHI Champion. **RTs will be paid \$250 per half day completed**. A summary of the participant information below:

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:

1. To educate family physicians and other health professionals about the health effects of air pollution;
2. To educate family physicians and other health professionals about the Air Quality Health Index, so that they will incorporate its use into their clinical practice.

REQUIRED TRAINING: Participation in a training program, consisting of three elements:

1. UBC's on-line accredited program 'Outdoor Air Quality and Health and the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)'. Course time is 2-3 hours, self-paced.
2. A two-hour webinar on Air Quality and Health and the AQHI, led by Health Canada.
3. Other readings and resources supplied as required.

We anticipate new participants will be able to complete the training program course/webinar by end of September to maximize their time for regional outreach.

REGIONAL OUTREACH TRAINING:

Each "trainer" will then be responsible for further dissemination of the AQHI and air pollution/health information to primary healthcare practitioners in their regions. They will act as trainers/ educators and opinion leaders. Trainers will be asked to conduct three to four training sessions or related outreach activities by **March 2016** and act as opinion leaders with their colleagues, and in their communities. The training sessions/ activities

could be standalone sessions, sessions at medical/healthcare conferences, grand rounds or other medical meetings, or other opportunities including writing articles in medical or community publications.

REMUNERATION:

Contact Alison Soares, Health Policy Coordinator at the CFPC for details if interested in participating.

Email: asoares@cfpc.ca - Tel: 905-629-0900 ext 389

Another successful CBRC exam!

Congratulations to all the RT students who wrote the CBRC exam on July 5, 2015. We look forward to welcoming you as Registered Respiratory Therapists members and wish you all the best as you go out into the workplace. We would like to highlight an achievement by Fanshawe College: In 2011 the program went through a major overhaul that included more emphasis on critical thinking and skills applications to better prepare graduates for the current workforce. After many hours of consulting between stakeholders and the faculty a new curriculum was launched in 2012. The students who graduated in 2015 and wrote the CBRC exam this past July were the first group who studied under the new curriculum. As a result, for the first time in over 15 years, every student who wrote the CBRC from Fanshawe passed the exam! The CSRT congratulates the faculty at Fanshawe College for all their efforts and on this huge accomplishment.

The CSRT would also like to congratulate the following RT education programs who also had 100% of their students pass the July 5th national certification exam:

Algonquin College

CCNB – Dieppe

College of the North Atlantic – NL

Conestoga College

Fanshawe College

La Cité collégiale

New Brunswick Community College – Saint John

QEII/Dalhousie University School of Health Sciences

Vanier College

Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference – The Westin Ottawa

October 29 - November 1, 2015

This conference provides over 600 participants (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists etc.) with a national platform to share experiences and expertise on hospice palliative care. Technology Evaluation in the Elderly Network (TVN), Canada's frailty research network, is presenting a pre-conference accredited workshop on October 29th (8:30am-12:30pm). The topic will be on: Addressing measurement frailty in the elderly to inform care decisions, including appropriate end-of-life discussions and advance care planning. For more information and to register please visit <http://conference.chpca.net/identification-of-frailty-a-gateway-to-open-end-of-life-discussions-by-john-muscedere-james-downar-rob-fowler-francis-lau-john-you-melissa-andrew/>

Inventor of the first modern ventilator passes away

Dr. Forrest Bird, who was known all over the world for inventing the first modern ventilator in the 1950s passed away on August 2, 2015. Dr. Bird was a pioneer in respiratory care. Other innovations in mechanical ventilation followed, and throughout his career continued to add enhancements to his devices aimed at allowing the

physicians and respiratory therapists who applied them at the bedside to save the lives of patients who otherwise would not have survived their critical illness or injury. His innovation in mechanical ventilation was a key element in the evolution of the respiratory therapy profession. The CSRT extends its condolences to Dr. Bird's family and friends.

CSRT corporate members

The CSRT appreciates and values the contributions made by our industry partners and thanks each and every one for their continued support towards the profession. We would like to recognize our latest corporate members:



CSRT On-Line Job Bank Listings

[For details on jobs posted, click here](#)

Job No.	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
1410	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Regina, SK	Prairie Oxygen	7/27/2015
1415	Clinical Therapist	Chiliwack, BC	CanSleep Services Inc.	7/28/2015
1419	Registered Respiratory Therapist/Somnographer	Edmonton, AB	Advanced Respiratory Care Network	1/6/2015
1421	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Saskatoon, SK	VitalAire	9/6/2015
1422	Respiratory Therapist	Alliston, ON	Alliston Family Health Team	11/6/2015
1424	Home Health Professional	Manitoba	Praxair	6/23/2015
1426	Area Manager	Winnipeg, MB	VitalAire	7/9/2015
1427	Anesthesia Assistant Supervisor	Vancouver, BC	Provincial Health Authority - BC Children's Hospital	8/25/2015
1428	Branch Manager	Regina, SK	Prairie Oxygen	7/20/2015
1429	Area Manager	Owen Sound, ON	VitalAire	8/10/2015
1430	Respiratory Therapist	Yorkton, SK	Sunrise Health Region	8/12/2015
1431	Clinical Therapist	Prince Rupert, BC	Independent Respiratory Services Inc	8/18/2015
1432	Respiratory Therapist	Kelowna BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	8/20/2015
1433	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Edmonton, AB	VitalAire	8/25/2015