


CSRT Newsletter



February 2015

Keeping members current on issues that matter

Welcoming Fellows of the CSRT

At its November 22 meeting, the Board of Directors approved new CSRT Fellows. The CSRT now has approved 142 RRTs that have the FCSRT professional designation since the inception of the program in 2010. The following individuals have received their FCSRT professional designation

Edna Cahill, RRT, FCSRT (Paradise, NL)
Yvonne Drasovean, RRT, FCSRT (London, ON)
Joelle Dynes, RRT, FCSRT (London, ON)
Tammy R. Fagan, RRT, FCSRT (Conception Bay S., NL)
Marie Fitzpatrick, RRT, FCSRT (Mount Pearl, NL)
Melissa Keeping, RRT, FCSRT (Mount Pearl, NL)
Lori Pepler-Beechey, RRT, FCSRT (Cambridge, ON)

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/csrt-fellows>

Application for CSRT Fellowship

The **April 30th deadline** is approaching for applications for CSRT Fellowship. The purpose of this fellowship is to recognize registered members of the CSRT who have demonstrated substantial leadership and have made consistent contributions to the advancement of clinical practice, education or science in respiratory therapy. To apply, or to view the list of CSRT Fellows, please go to the CSRT website: <http://www.csrt.com/csrt-fellowship-fcsrt/>

January Membership Draw Winner!

Congratulations to Joanne Chawla from Calgary, Albert!, She won the second of four external cell phone batteries. Remember to renew your membership to be entered in the monthly draws, as well as the final grand draw for the iPad Mini before March 31, 2015.

CSRT 2015 Annual Education Conference

Are you attending this years' Annual Education Conference in Calgary, AB? We have a full program booked to meet everyone's interests. New this year we're offering five workshops! Register early as the space is limited for each.

Thursday May 21st:

8:30-4:30pm **Difficult Airways/Anesthesia**

Multidisciplinary educational workshop designed to improve the recognition of difficult airways and improve procedural skills.

What is new In the World of Airway Management: Awake Intubation and Airway Topicalization

- 8:30-4:30pm **What is new In the World of Airway Management: Video vs Conventional Direct Laryngoscopy**
Building Blocks of Sleep- Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea
 Review of Autotitrating Technology
 Diagnostic Phenotypes – A fresh look at OSA
 Success in the home – Interfaces, humidity, accessories
 Technology in Sleep Studies – Traditional vs. Non-traditional
- 8:30-4:30pm **PALS Recertification**
 Pediatric Advanced Life Support is designed for healthcare professionals who initiate and direct advanced life support in pediatric emergencies. This includes the diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for the prevention, assessment and treatment of respiratory and cardiac arrest in both infants and children.
 Staying current as a PALS provider requires routine recertification every 2 years. This 1-day intensive refresher program covers what you need to know for recertification.
- 8:30-4:30pm **ACLS Recertification**
 Advanced Cardiac Life Support is designed for healthcare professionals who either direct or participate in the management of cardiopulmonary arrest and other cardiovascular emergencies. This includes personnel in emergency response, emergency medicine, intensive care and critical care units.
 Staying current as a PALS provider requires routine recertification every 2 years. This 1-day intensive refresher program covers what you need to know for recertification.
- 8:30-4:30pm **Mechanical Ventilation Advanced Critical Care Management**
 Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:
- Provide individualized care for the patients on mechanical ventilation, incorporating concepts of evidence-based practice.
 - Discuss strategies to provide optimal ventilation and oxygenation during mechanical ventilation.
 - Discuss the advantages of pressure modes versus volume modes Identify, understand and manage asynchrony that occurs in mechanical ventilation

Friday May 22nd:

- 9:00- 12:00 **Student Sleep Workshop Reaching Beyond Respiratory Care**
 RT Careers in and beyond the hospital
 Sleep Lab 101
 Life as a sleep technologist – Walking through a titration

Saturday May 23rd:

- 9:00-12:30pm **Improving Team Performance: tools for educators and clinical leaders**
 Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:
- Provide a tool for facilitating reflective practice and debriefing
 - Discuss the role of structured communication to improve teamwork
 - Review the National Interprofessional Competency Framework (CIHC Framework)
 - Explore Interprofessional Competencies through experiential activities and debriefing

For more detailed information on these workshops please visit <http://www.csrt.com/program-at-a-glance/>

BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM!

The conference host hotel, Hyatt Regency Calgary is quickly booking up! Make sure to book your room before rooms sell out and before the April 18, 2015 deadline for the preferred room rate for conference delegates.

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/11392442/owner/5612/home>

Poster Presentation Abstracts Submission Reminder

Correction for submission deadline – Previous newsletter stated the deadline was April 10th, however the **deadline is in fact March 15th** as stated on the entry form online. Whether you're an RT or student in the RT program, we encourage you to showcase your work. Prizes of \$500 will be awarded to one RT and one student! We thank Doctor Peter Papadakos for his donation for the student category prize. For more information visit

<http://www.csrt.com/poster-presentation-information/>

CSRT Position Statement – Dying With Dignity

The CSRT recently disseminated a position statement supporting the recent Supreme Court of Canada's ruling on medical aid in dying. The position statement is available at the following link:

http://static1.squarespace.com/static/53717962e4b074c2fd1d80ad/t/54de3216e4b089d9bce7562f/1423847958830/Final_Dying+with+Dignity_CSRT+Position+Statement.pdf

Please note that the CSRT Board of Directors gave careful consideration to the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling before approving this position statement. The Supreme Court of Canada ruling supports the rights of the patient according to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and since RRTs are strong advocates for the patient's rights, this fit in with the principles of the Pillars for the RT Profession. Most importantly, the ruling supports the right of the health professionals involved as there is a provision in the ruling "to respect the decisions of physicians and other health care providers who do not wish to provide medical aid in dying" thereby allowing each health professional involved to make their decision according to their beliefs and values. If you have any questions or concerns about this position statement, please contact Christiane Ménard, CSRT Executive Director at cmenard@csrt.com

CSRT Best Practice Statement on the Use of Electronic Communication Devices

Advances in medical equipment design and in cellular technology have resulted in the increased use of cell phones and tablets in healthcare. In the absence of organizational policies governing their use, how and when is the use of electronic communications devices appropriate? The CSRT has released a best practice statement to guide the use of these devices by respiratory therapists in the clinical or community setting. To view this evidence-based best practice statement, please visit the following link:

<http://static1.squarespace.com/static/53717962e4b074c2fd1d80ad/t/54e77728e4b0a0f14f8f648a/1424455464283/Use-of+electronic+communication+devices+in+the+clinical+setting.pdf>

CoARTE is seeking French-speaking Program Reviewers

The Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education (CoARTE) is currently recruiting French-speaking professionals (respiratory therapists, educational administrators, and physicians) to be a part of the accreditation process for respiratory therapy education program, as a program reviewer. Program reviewers must have a minimum of two years' experience prior to completing an accreditation visit and must have experience working with

respiratory therapy students. Please contact Carolyn McCoy, Director of Accreditation and Professional Practice Services if you would like more information on becoming a Program Reviewer (coarte@csrt.com).

15th Annual Practical Pediatric Conference – RTs Invited!

For the first time, RTs are invited to register for the Practical Pediatric Conference. Taking Place at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Ancaster, Ontario, April 15th, 2015. Register before March 6th to take advantage of the early bird fee \$70. For more information and registration please follow this link <http://www.mcmaster-pediatrics.ca>

Noninvasive Airway Management (Full Day) Workshop – Ottawa, Thursday April 23-25, 2015

This workshop is being offered prior to the Canadian Respiratory Conference taking place in Ottawa April 23-25th. A separate registration and a fee of \$150.00 will include return transportation from the hotel, lunch and nutrition breaks.

Dr. Douglas McKim and the CANVent Program Team at the Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre are offering CRC delegates a rare opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop on noninvasive airway management for neuromuscular/neuro respiratory illness in adults and children. For more information contact Kathy Walker, RRT kwalker@ottawahospital.on.ca

CSRT On-Line Job Bank Listings

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

Job #	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
1399	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Lethbridge, AB	VitalAire	02/18/2015
1398	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Red Deer, Ab	VitalAire	02/18/2015
1396	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Calgary, AB	VitalAire	01/14/2015
1395	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Edmonton, AB	VitalAire	01/14/2015
1394	Respiratory Educator	Barrie, ON	Barrie Family Health	01/14/2015
1393	Clinical Instructor – Respiratory Therapist	Kingston, On	Kingston General Hospital	01/13/2015
1392	Area Manager	Owen Sound, On	VitalAire Canada	12/19/2014
1387	Respiratory Therapist – Sleep Disordered Breathing Program	Metro Vancouver / Surrey, BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	01/06/2015