


CSRT Newsletter



January 2015

Keeping members current on issues that matter



Membership Renewal

Renewals are in full swing! We encourage you to renew your membership by March 31st to be entered in a draw for a chance to win an iPad mini! You will also be included in our monthly draws (January 1st, February 1st, March 1st and April 1st) for a chance to win an external cell phone battery! Most importantly, you continue to be a member of your professional association and have access to personal professional liability insurance as well as the many [benefits of being a member with the CSRT](#).

Congratulations to our latest membership promo winners!

- Holly McLeod, a CSRT Student Member, has won a complimentary conference registration and accommodation for the 2015 conference in Calgary, AB.
- Elizabeth Jolly, a CSRT registered member, has won the first of four external cell phone batteries.

Important Membership Reminders

- Renew your regulatory license before their deadlines...
**Ontario/CRTO (deadline February 18th), Newfoundland & Labrador/NLCRT+NLCHP (deadline March 1st)
Nova Scotia/NSCRT (deadline March 16th), New Brunswick/NBART (deadline March 16th)**
Once again this year CSRT has made it possible for you to renew your membership, insurance, and regulatory license fee all at once. A reminder that you must still complete a renewal form on your regulatory body's website.
- Receipts to members are now being sent via email. We look forward to having an automatic system set-up in the next few months and having your receipts emailed out within minutes of your renewal.



CSRT 2015 Conference

CSRT Annual Education Conference May 21-23, 2015 Calgary, AB - Hyatt Regency Calgary

Come join us for 3 full days of networking, professional development and of course a LITTLE fun! This year's program offers 4 NEW complimentary pre-conference workshops taking place on Thursday May 21st which are included with FULL conference registration. Make sure to register early as space is limited for these workshops. NEW this year, we've added five education streams that are sure to have something for everyone! [To view the program visit our website.](#)

Online registration is now available!

Also, book your hotel rooms now and take advantage of our low negotiated rates [Hotel Booking Website Click Here.](#)

Social Events:

THURSDAY, MAY 21

17:30 – 19:00 WELCOME RECEPTION

Are you wondering who is attending this year's conference? Come join us in the Exhibit Hall to mingle with your colleagues, enjoy a few drinks and finger foods, walk around the exhibits and talk to our industry partners. One Welcome Reception ticket is included with registration – additional tickets can be purchased for \$15 + GST.

Casual dress attire.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

16:30 – 18:00 RT OLYMPICS – Winning team wins trip to next conference!

Show off your skills and knowledge. Facilitated by Rick Paradis, the RT Olympics has involved from an intubation competition to a competition where skills in intubation is as important as your ventilation skills. Register and practice for the event at the Covidien Exhibit booth.

19:00 ROXON FUN NIGHT – Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dance Hall.

Enjoy live entertainment, dancing, test your skills on the mechanical bull and much more! Shuttle bus transportation provided to and from event. Limited tickets available – offered on a first come, first serve basis.

More information on the venue is available at: www.ranchmans.com

Casual dress attire or cowboy attire.

19:00 STUDENT FUN NIGHT – Bank and Baron Pub

A great opportunity for students to network and enjoy some good food. Recognized as one of Alberta's most historical buildings for its distinct architecture, the Bank and Baron Pub is located on Stephen Avenue, in the heart of downtown Calgary, and only a few steps away from the conference site (Hyatt Regency Hotel). Only students registered to the conference will be provided with a ticket on site. More info at:

www.bankandbaronpub.com

SATURDAY, MAY 23

18:00 PRESIDENTS' COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Join Jessie Cox, CSRT President and Irina Charania, CARTA President for a cocktail, greet your colleagues and get ready to party at the Presidents' Banquet.

Business and cocktail dress attire.

19:00 PRESIDENTS' BANQUET AND AWARD CEREMONY

Award, dinner and dancing ... the agenda for the night! A perfect way to unwind, acknowledge CSRT and CARTA award recipients and enjoy the last evening of the conference. This year's live entertainment will be provided by "Rule of Nines" (a member of this band is an RT). A complimentary ticket is provided to anyone who has purchased a full registration. Additional tickets are \$75 plus GST.

Business and cocktail attire – dancing shoes a must!

Call for Poster Presentation Abstracts

Deadline April 10, 2015

Students and Respiratory Therapists are invited to submit a poster presentation to be displayed during the conference in the Grand Foyer of the Hyatt Regency Calgary. 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. **Presenters will be awarded 5 CSRT CE credits.**

Categories: *Best RT Poster* and *Best Student RT Poster*

Prize: \$500.00 per category

[For rules and registration information visit our website.](#)

Call for Nominations – Cardinal Health Canada Award – Excellence in Pulmonary Function Testing

Deadline February 27, 2015

A new award has been established thanks to the support from Cardinal Health Canada. This award will recognize a respiratory therapist who is a member in good standing of the CSRT and 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. Deadline for nominations is February 27, 2015. The award winner, selected by the CSRT Board of Directors, will receive the award at the Presidents' banquet. The winner will receive travel, accommodation and a complimentary registration to the conference.

Call for Nominations – CSRT Board of Directors – Deadline February 27, 2015

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The CSRT Board of Directors is seeking nominations from respiratory therapists, who are registered members in good standing, and can bring to Board discussions the perspectives from *Critical Care*. The term of office for this Board position is from May 2015 to May 2017. If there is more than one nomination received by the deadline of February 27th, an on-line election process will be implemented in March 2015. Results of the election will be announced shortly thereafter and the Board position will be ratified by the membership on May 22, 2015 during the CSRT Annual General Meeting in Calgary, AB.

The Board of Directors is structured according to following "profile": **RRTs, member of the CSRT, that provide:**

1. **Regional perspective and knowledge** – Western (BC, AB), Prairies (SK, MB); Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic
2. **Perspective and knowledge from one of the non-regulated jurisdictions** – BC, PEI, NWT
3. **Perspective, knowledge and skills from each area of practice:** pediatric / neonatology, critical care, chronic disease management; anesthesia, education, leadership / management, student, industry.

This structure provides the flexibility of adding positions for registered members-at-large, when required, to fulfill all elements of the proposed profile.

Position Open for New Graduate (CoARTE)

Deadline February 27, 2015

The Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education has a vacant position on Council for a new graduate. If you are interested in finding out more information on this volunteer position, or are interested in submitting your name for consideration, please contact Carolyn McCoy, Director of Accreditation and Professional Practice Services (coarte@csrt.com).

Northwest Territories RTs Set For Regulation

The CSRT was invited to submit a brief to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories on Bill 36 – Health and Social Services Professions Act. This legislation will allow the government to regulate health and social services professions, set out the procedures to become a registered member of a profession, establish complaint and investigation procedures and allow regulations to be made for respiratory therapists. The CSRT Board of Directors have presented their support for the regulation of the respiratory therapy profession to the Standing Committee on Social Programs on January 16th. There is every indication that the “umbrella” regulations will be in place in the near future.

Medavie Blue Cross Reimbursement Program

Since the announcement a few weeks ago, Medavie Blue Cross has included all health professionals with current CRE or CRA certification in their program – this includes RTs as well as nurses, pharmacists and other health care providers that have current CRE or CRA certification. There will be no physical referral required and patients can select the health provider of their choice. RTs are encouraged to maintain personal professional liability insurance coverage. [For more information, click here.](#)

National Competency Profile in Development

The CSRT is supporting the development of a new National Competency Framework for our profession which will become the new national benchmark for Respiratory Therapy. The project is led by the National Association of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies (NARTRB) and the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT), working with other stakeholders. All RT professionals, employers and educators in Canada are invited to keep in touch with the project and contribute to its development through the project website. The website already contains a short video on trends in RT, and other useful resources: www.RTTRcompetenceINH.wordpress.com

CSRT On-Line Job Bank Listings

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

Job #	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
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
1389	Territory Sales Representative	Calgary, AB	VitalAire Canada	12/10/2014
1387	Respiratory Therapist – Sleep Disordered Breathing Program	Metro Vancouver / Surrey, BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	01/06/2015

Current 2015 Corporate Members

We thank our industry partners for their continued support and dedication to the profession and the CSRT. A [list of benefits and more information on becoming a corporate member](#) can be found on our website.

Don't forget that as a Corporate Member, you receive 25% off the cost of evaluation of industry-sponsored education programs for CSRT credits

