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# CSRT Newsletter



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Keeping members current on issues that matter

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## **RT Week Contest – Use your creativity to win \$500!**

**The best ambassador for the profession is YOU!** The CSRT is launching a contest where RTs and students are invited to do a short video (90 secs max) on:

*“How can you be an ambassador for your profession?” OR... “How you already are an ambassador for your profession?”*

Then tell us about your experience! All videos submitted will be posted to the CSRT members from October 13 to 23 and we will ask our members to vote for the best one. The video with the most votes wins \$500. The winning video will be announced during RT Week, October 25th-31st.

**This contest will run from August 4<sup>th</sup> to October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** For more information and instructions on how to upload your video click here <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-contest>



## **RT Week Promotional Items to be ordered**

This year, for the 2015 RT Week celebrations, you can order RT Wall Calendars (dimensions 22” wide x 34” tall) and “What is an RT?” Brochures (to be distributed to the public). An order form will be available as of Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. You can place your order at <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-promotional-materials/>.

The CSRT will also offer a series of free webinars during this week – Stay tuned as there will be a webinar of interest to each area of practice. In addition, please visit the CSRT website for ideas on what you can organize for RT week – you can review the “How-To” guide here <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-guide> that provides ideas such as “How to... Reach out to your patients”, “How to... Recognize your coworkers” and “How to... Host an education session”.



## **Call for nominations – CSRT Board of Directors – Deadline October 1**

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

1. Perspective from education
2. Perspective from industry
3. Perspective from Québec
4. Perspective from non-regulated jurisdiction (BC, Territories, PEI)

Since approved by the membership in June 2011, the Board of Directors is structured according to following “profile” :

**Regional perspective and knowledge** –Western (BC, AB), Prairies (SK, MB); Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic

**Perspective and knowledge from one of the non-regulated jurisdictions** –BC, PEI, Territories

**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.

Being a CSRT Board member is more than an added line to your résumé – it provides a great leadership opportunity where you can participate in building and influencing the future of your profession. More details on the nomination process is available at: <http://www.csrt.com/board-of-directors/> and click on *2015 Call for Nominations CSRT Board of Directors*.

## **Nominations for CSRT Award Program – Deadline October 1**

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.

The CSRT awards program also includes the **President's Award**, selected by the CSRT President and the **Honorary Awards**, selected by the Board of Directors. All awards will be conferred during the President's banquet at the 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference. Information on each of the awards, as well as nomination forms are available at the following link: <http://www.csrt.com/award-programs/>.

## **Call for Presenters – 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference**

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 - submissions are accepted in each area of practice (critical care, neonatal/pediatric, diagnostics and general therapeutics, anesthesia and chronic care. In addition the presentations must fulfill one of the following patient care areas – **quality improvement, patient safety, research and innovation, patient and family-centered care and evidence-based practice**.

**In 2016 we will also offer a pre-conference forum for students, educators, as well as for emerging leaders and experienced leaders.** The submission form is available at the following link: <http://www.csrt.com/ottawa-2016/>

***Please note that due to budgetary constraints, funding for speakers will be limited to economy travel, ground transportation and accommodation for 2 nights for presenters from outside the Ottawa area only. Also, complimentary registration will only be provided for the day of the presentation – full registration will be offered to speakers at a reduced rate of \$200.***

## **CSRT Fellowship Applications**

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. Deadline for Fellowship applications is September 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the CSRT fellowship, to view the list of CSRT Fellows, and to apply for the FCSRT designation, please click here <http://www.csrt.com/csrt-fellowship-fcsrt>.

## **FCSRT Audit Completed**

As per the CSRT policy for maintaining the FCSRT professional designation, an audit was performed on seven randomly-selected CSRT Fellows. Five individuals successfully completed the auditing process and will retain their FCSRT professional designation. Congratulations to Jeff Kobe (MB), Mary Bayliss (ON), Susan Haskell (NL), Concetta Martins (ON), Amy Reid (ON) and Virginia Myles (ON). One individual did not fulfill the requirements for the retention of the FCSRT professional designation (to maintain the FCSRT designation, Fellows must maintain their membership in the CSRT and demonstrate their commitment to lifelong learning by completing a minimum of 25 CE/CPD credits annually.)

## **AA-CSRT Applications**

The AA-CSRT designation was designed to recognize CSRT registered and associate members who have completed additional education and training in the field of anesthesia to become an anesthesia assistant, and who have made a commitment to lifelong learning by completing 25 CE/CPD credits per year. AA-CSRT recipients are approved by the CSRT Board of Directors. For more information and to apply, please click here: <http://www.csrt.com/aa-certificate>.

## **Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy (CJRT)**

We are pleased to announce that the *CJRT* has now been indexed in **PMC (PubMed Central)**; a free archive for full-text biomedical and life sciences journal articles that is accessible to anyone via a basic web browser. However, PMC is more than just a document repository: in order to be included, our articles had to undergo an indexing and formatting procedure. This means that our articles are tagged with structured words about their content and major topics to help produce better search results. This is important for those conducting systematic reviews for example, because accurate retrieval means that search results are reproducible and reportable.

The *CJRT* was recently added to HINARI, an online database of journals that offers free access to low- and middle-income countries. We were also indexed in Google Scholar, boosting the discoverability of all the articles published in the journal through online searches with related keywords. Furthermore, the journal maintains a presence in important databases such as CINAHL, EMBASE, and SCOPUS.

Online databases such as these are valuable tools used by researchers searching for articles related to their topic of interest, and the more databases and tools we are associated with, the greater exposure for our authors—leading to higher citations and impact. Another important reason for pursuing these indexing options is to make the work published in *CJRT* more accessible to clinicians. The most important impact a journal can have is knowledge translation—seeing the articles that we publish result in clinical practice changes.

Please direct any questions, article ideas or suggestions to the Managing Editor at: [editor@csrt.com](mailto:editor@csrt.com)

## **Fall Workshop**

**Developing Effective Hospital Weaning Program** is one day symposium being offered September 24<sup>th</sup> Toronto, ON. **The objectives of this symposium are** to understand the impact of prolonged mechanical ventilation on the health system in Ontario; to identify the key barriers to weaning from mechanical ventilation at the level of both patient and health system; to review evidence-based and interdisciplinary strategies for prolonged weaning, focusing on

both prevention and treatment. For more information on the program and to register please visit [www.hospitalweaningsymposium.com](http://www.hospitalweaningsymposium.com).

## **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	Chilliwack, BC	CanSleep Services Inc.	7/28/2015
1417	Registered Respiratory Therapist Sleep	Edmonton, AB	VitalAire	5/25/2015
1418	Territory Sales Representative	Peterborough, ON	VitalAire	5/26/2015
1419	Registered Respiratory Therapist/Somnographer	Edmonton, AB	Advanced Respiratory Care Network	1/6/2015
1420	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Red Deer, AB	RHS Canada	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
1423	Respiratory Therapist	Vegreville, AB	Alberta Health Services	6/17/2015
1424	Home Health Professional	Manitoba	Praxair	6/23/2015
1425	Manager of Community Respiratory Services	OSHAWA ON	Lakeridge Health Oshawa	7/7/2015
1426	Area Manager	Winnipeg, MB	VitalAire	7/9/2015
1427	Anesthesia Assistant Supervisor	Vancouver, BC	Provincial Health Services Authority - BC Children's Hospital	7/16/2015
1428	Branch Manager	Regina, SK	Prairie Oxygen	7/20/2015