



CSRT Newsletter

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Keeping members current on issues that matter



New CSRT Senior Registered Membership Category!

The CSRT is proud to announce a new membership category that is available to an RT who qualifies for registered membership, has reached the age of 55 and is no longer directly involved in the professional practice of respiratory therapy. The cost for this membership is an annual fee of \$25, for more information please visit <http://www.csrt.com/senior-registered-member/>



Medavie Blue Cross – Managing Chronic Disease

The Medavie Blue Cross has issued an updated provider bulletin regarding their new benefit plan for managing chronic respiratory disease [Download Here](#). Medavie Blue Cross offers insurance coverage to employer funded benefits in Ontario, Quebec and in the Maritimes. There has been very low registration by RTs to the program and CSRT is often asked to identify RTs with the CRE professional designation to accommodate some employers.

This new program has opened the door for private practice for RTs. The CSRT is developing a tool kit for RTs that want to venture into private practice (especially RTs who have not secured full-time jobs). The CSRT professional liability insurance covers RTs involved in private practice. The CSRT continues to work with our partners to have this disease management of chronic respiratory disease program available in all Blue Cross subsidiaries across the country and with other private payors.



Free Webinars – offered by DeVilbiss

DeVilbiss invites members of the CSRT to participate in its upcoming webinars. Participants will earn one CSRT CE/CPD credit per webinar. <http://www.devilbissclinicaleducation.com/live>



2015 CSRT Annual Education Conference

The CSRT is proud to say that the 2015 Conference that took place in Calgary, AB was a great success! We'd like to thank all our speakers, sponsors and exhibitors, as well as The College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta, our volunteers, the program committee, and of course all our attendees, who all contributed to making this a memorable event.

A photo gallery and a copy of the scientific presentations from the 2015 conference are now available online_
<http://www.csrt.com/conference/>



CSRT Professional Awards

The Robert Merry Excellence in Education Award



This award is conferred to an individual who has made significant contributions to RT education and has influenced others towards higher levels of achievement in RT education. Nominated by the membership and selected by the CSRT Board of Directors, **Noel Pendergast, Educator from Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia** was this year's recipient. In making the selection during its November meetings, the CSRT Board of Directors recognized Noel's contributions as an innovative educator, a well-respected inter-professional team member and a generous community volunteer. He has been successful in motivating his students, encouraging them to advance their respiratory therapy education, respectful and respected by his colleagues and he is an outstanding ambassador for the respiratory therapy profession. In presenting Noel with this award, the CSRT and its members have acknowledged that he has made a difference to the advancement of the profession at the local, provincial and national level.

Colya Kaminiarz Professional Achievement Award



Sponsored by Praxair Healthcare/Medigas, this award is presented to an RT who has made significant contribution to professional practice and has influenced others toward higher levels of achievement in professional practice. Nominated by her peers this year's recipient was **Chitra Gnanasabesan from Scarborough, Ontario**. In making the selection for this award, meetings, the CSRT Board of Directors recognized Chitra's involvement in the professional practice environments. Chitra exhibits a high level of dedication to her profession, professionalism in disseminating her knowledge to enhance best practice approaches, has established innovative learning methods in respiratory therapy. She has been described as the "ultimate respiratory therapy professional".

Cardinal Excellence in Pulmonary Function Testing Award



New this year and sponsored by Cardinal Health Canada, this award recognizes an RT who has made significant contributions in the field of pulmonary testing or who has influenced others towards higher levels of achievement. Providing exemplary care to patients at the PFT lab, **Arlene Murrell from the Markham Stouffville Hospital in Ontario** was this year's recipient. Arlene Murrell was recognized for the exemplary care provided to patients in the PFT lab at Markham Stouffville Hospital as well as her involvement in the development of protocols, policies and procedures thereby ensuring appropriate utilization of the PFT services. The Board of Directors agreed that Arlene exhibits a high level of dedication to her profession and professionalism in disseminating her

knowledge and enhancing best practice approaches. Arlene is described by her peers as an “example of excellence” in respiratory therapy.

CSRT President's Award



Sponsored by Trudell Medical Marketing, this award allows the CSRT President to recognize an individual or an organization for their service to the President, the profession or the CSRT. With an emotional thanks and display of gratitude Jessie Cox presented this award to **Bonnie O'Leary from Mount Pearl, Newfoundland**. In presenting this award, the CSRT President acknowledged that Bonnie had encouraged and supported her desire for the CSRT presidency and that she continues to be her mentor, sounding board and advisor on the many issues but not just with CSRT. Due to the high level of workload in the operating room, Jessie has called on Bonnie to assist in operating the Cell Washer while she was in the thoracic suite. In conferring the award, the described said “as an expert clinician she’s an expert and as leader she excels.”

CSRT/CBRC Student Achievement Awards

These awards (Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal) are presented to the top three students who have achieved the highest results at the CBRC exam.



Bronze Medal Award - Bhavjinder Hara Thompson Rivers University, British Columbia for receiving the third highest mark at the national exam



Silver Medal Award - Edouard Saadé New Brunswick Community College, New Brunswick who now practices in Saskatchewan obtained the second highest results at the CBRC exam.



Gold Medal Award - Marc Carolan Thompson Rivers University, British Columbia who has remained in British Columbia where he works as an RT, received the highest results at the 2014 national exam. (The Gold Medal award is sponsored by Respiratory Therapists Without Borders and Mo Shariff).

CSRT Poster Presentation Winners

The competition was tough this year, our judges had an exceptionally difficult task selecting the winners! We'd like to once again congratulate **Tessandra Dmitrowicz, and Christine Lam** on producing excellent posters. Thank you to Doctor Papadakos who sponsored the student prize.

A BIG congratulations to all award recipients!



RT Olympics



Facilitated by Rick Paradis and sponsored by Covidien, the RT Olympics evolved this year from an intubation competition to also including a test of your skills in ventilation! This year's winners are no stranger to the competition as this is their second year winning the Sputum Cup. We congratulate **Marcco Zaccagnini and Mike McArthur!**



CSRT On-Line Job Bank Listings

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

Job No.	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
1401	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Happy Valley - Goose Bay, NL	VitalAire	3/30/2015
1403	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Nanaimo, BC	Independent Respiratory Services Inc.	4/7/2015
1404	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Victoria, BC	Independent Respiratory Services Inc.	4/7/2015

1405	Instructor	Saint John, NB	New Brunswick Community College	4/8/2015
1406	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Cranbrook	VitalAire	4/13/2015
1407	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Medicine Hat, AB	VitalAire	4/13/2015
1408	Respiratory Therapist	Edmonston, NB	VitalAire	4/13/2015
1409	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Saskatoon, SK	Prairie Oxygen	4/13/2015
1410	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Regina, SK	Prairie Oxygen	4/13/2015
1411	Cardiovascular Technologist	Regina, SK	Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region	4/22/2015
1412	Dean, College of Rehabilitation Sciences	Winnipeg, MB	University of Manitoba	4/22/2015
1413	Respiratory Therapist	London, ON	Thames Valley Family Health Team	4/23/2015
1414	Territory Manager	GTA, Ontario	Carestream Medical Ltd	4/23/2015
1415	Clinical Therapist	Chiliwack, BC	CanSleep Services Inc.	5/6/2015
1416	Clinical Consultant	Peterborough & Belleville, ON	VitalAire	5/13/2015
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

