


CSRT Newsletter



October 2015

Keeping members current on issues that matter



RT Week video contest winner!

Congratulations to **Gwen Dunn** who submitted a video for our RT Week contest on how she and her colleagues were ambassadors for their profession! After two weeks of voting by our members her video was our winner, and she is the lucky recipient of the \$500 prize! We also would like to congratulate the creators of the three other submitted videos:

- Mike Wheatley
- Jasmine Chase and Tiffany Dignard
- Amanda Izaguirre and Eric Cheng

Everyone worked very hard on their videos and we encourage you to view them if you have not had a chance to do so yet. Videos will remain online until November 13th <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-contest>



RT Week memories

Are you or is your workplace organizing something exciting for RT Week? Make sure to send in some photos to be included in the November newsletter, we'd love to highlight how RTs celebrate and educate during this week! Send pictures to csrt@csrt.com.



Winners of membership survey!

In an effort to increase membership value and satisfaction as well as have our members rate our current services/products, the CSRT developed a membership survey. Over 500 members completed the survey and we thank all of you for taking the time out of your busy schedules. Congratulations to Raquelle Sorenson-Padua from Calgary, AB who won the \$100 Pre-paid Visa Card! We look forward to implementing some of the suggestions we received and improving in areas we can.



Student contest school winner!

We would like to announce the winners of the 2015 Student Contest: The RT Education Program with the highest percentage of CSRT student memberships is Fanshawe College! They have won a pizza party courtesy of the CSRT. We would also like to recognize Conestoga, who came in in second place! All current and new students who join as members of the CSRT still have the chance to win a conference prize package!

Congratulations to committed volunteers!



During the BCSRT conference, Christiane Ménard, CSRT Executive Director, conferred an "Excellence" pin to Lena Farina from St Paul's Hospital, Providence Health in Vancouver, BC. The CSRT confers an "Excellence" pin to RTs who have provided exemplary services to their profession and to the CSRT. Lena was the representative from non-regulated jurisdictions in the workgroup responsible for developing the 2016 National Competency Framework. This involved many, many hours of diligent work to review the competencies and performance criteria involved in the practice of respiratory therapy in British Columbia. The CSRT is also grateful to many other RTs from BC who represented RTs working in non-regulated jurisdictions during a pre-

validation workshop held in Calgary on May 20th, including: Jason Zurba, Elan Natrass, Val Marie Coutts and Ingrid Hakanson.

2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference

Call for Presenters

We'd like to thank everyone who submitted an abstract for the call for presenters, we received 55 in total. The program committee will meet and make their selection in November. An email will be sent to those who have been selected, specific instructions and relative information will be communicated at that time as well.

Poster Presentations

Once again this year, we are inviting students and respiratory therapists to submit a poster presentation to be displayed during the CSRT Annual Education Conference in Ottawa! We are accepting 15 entries in each category (student and RT). The top two posters will win \$500 each.

All abstracts may be published in the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy (**CJRT**) at the discretion of the editorial board. The deadline to have your abstract submitted to the CSRT is April 1, 2016. For more information, including entry forms, poster guidelines, and rules/regulations please follow this link

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

External education opportunities

The CSRT is pleased to provide a list of post-diploma/degree educational opportunities provided by institutions with accredited RT programs. To view this list, please click here <http://www.csrt.com/external-educational-opportunities/>.

Quality of Death Index

The latest ranking of palliative care across the world was released this month. It is interesting to note that Canada dropped from 9th to 11th place. The full report can be found here:

<http://www.economistinsights.com/healthcare/analysis/quality-death-index-2015>

Radon education program

Next to smoking, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer and is linked to causing the deaths of 3,200 Canadians every year. All homes have some level of radon and talking to your patients about the need to test their homes is an important part of preventing radon-related cancer. With Radon Action Month in November, and a rising public profile on this carcinogenic gas, it's important to be prepared to discuss the risks of radon with patients and to be ready to answer their questions. McMaster University, together with Health Canada, the Ontario College of Family Physicians and the Clean Air Partnership, have designed a free, accredited program, Radon: Is it in your patients' home, in order to provide you and your colleagues with reliable, evidence-based information.

- It's easy to access, free and offered in French and in English
- It only takes one hour to complete – which you can do in one sitting, or multiple sessions
- The course is accredited for 1 CSRT CE/CPD credit.

For more information, or to take this course, please visit <https://machealth.ca/> and click on the "Radon" link.

Free webinar

Free webinar sponsored by Alere: *Timing is critical in the hospital; Improving the Blood Analysis testing process through bedside testing*. Presenter: Bill O'Reilly, CCP, CPC, Manager, Clinical Perfusion, New Brunswick Heart Centre, Saint John, New Brunswick.

Click here to register: <https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC51D789864B3F>

Date: Tuesday, December 1st 2015

Time: 3:00 pm Eastern

Malinckrodt webinar series starts November 25th

Discussion on patient safety and adverse event reporting in critical care has been identified as a key area of educational need and interest for critical care throughout Canada. As a company committed to patient safety, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals is proud to be collaborating with The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists to bring you the CSRT Patient Safety Series.

Through a series of webinars, culminating in a live event at the 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference, we hope to support learning and continuing education in the realm of patient safety and highlight the important role of RTs as respiratory experts within the multidisciplinary healthcare team.

Presenters:

Jason Macartney RRT

Clinical Educator, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
The Hospital for Sick Children

Wayne Ho, MEng

Managing Principal
Healthcare Human Factors

Online courses available

Online CME Program: Huffing and Puffing? New Approaches for Severe Adult Asthma

This asthma-management program will focus on optimizing therapy for the adult patient with severe asthma, whose asthma is uncontrolled despite their current therapy. Illustrative cases explore common challenges in uncontrolled asthma. To access this course, please click here: <http://www.advancingin.com/asthma>

*Please note that new users to *AdvancingIn* will be asked to register in order to take this course. Registration is fast, easy, and free of charge when consenting to receive *AdvancingIn* updates.

Online CME Program: Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: An Approach to Early Recognition and Referral

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is the most common and deadly of the interstitial lung diseases (ILDs), which are a group of diffuse parenchymal lung disorders that share similar clinical, radiographic, physiologic or pathologic features. Unlike other ILDs for which a cause may be identified, IPF is a disease of unknown cause. It is defined as a specific form of chronic, progressive fibrosing interstitial pneumonia of unknown cause, occurring primarily in older adults, and limited to the lungs. To access this course, please click here:

<http://www.advancingin.com/IPF>

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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. For a complete list of corporate members and links to their websites, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/corporate-membership/>.

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
1421	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Saskatoon, SK	VitalAire	9/6/2015
1432	Respiratory Therapist	Kelowna BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	8/20/2015
1434	Respiratory Therapist	Grand Prairie, Alberta	VitalAire Healthcare	9/23/2015
1438	Respiratory Therapist	Regina, SK	Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region	9/28/2015
1439	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Rural Alberta	Funktional Sleep Solutions	9/28/2015
1441	Territory Sales Representative	Peterborough, Ontario	VitalAire	10/8/2015
1442	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Edmonton, AB	VitalAire	10/9/2015
1443	Respiratory Therapist	Riyadh/Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia/UAE	Helen Ziegler & Associates	10/13/2015
1444	Clinical Consultant	Regina, SK	VitalAire	10/13/2015
1445	Clinical Therapist	Cranbrook, BC	Independent Respiratory Services Inc.	10/23/2015