

# CSRT Newsletter

September 2015

Keeping members current on issues that matter

## RT Week – Oct. 25-31 2015

**FREE WEBINARS** during RT Week! In honor of RT Week, the CSRT will offer a webinars and a journal club covering a variety of practice areas. Participants will earn CSRT CE/CPD credits. For more information and to register please visit <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-presentations/> (Please note all times below Eastern Time)

- **October 26 at 12:00:** Marie-Josée Lallemand: Initiation de la ventilation non-invasive en externe (*To be confirmed*)
- **October 26 at 3:00:** Bryan Buell: Economics of the Canadian Health Care System
- **October 27 at 12:00:** Cynthia Welton: Let's Stop Blaming and Start Advocating for Safe Patient Care
- **October 27 at 3:00:** Allan Prost: Neopuff Performance Study
- **October 28 at 12:00:** Jason Zurba and Tracey Miller: Your Voice Matters: Empowering RTs to Speak Up

**RT WEEK CONTEST** – It's not too late to submit your video... Use your creativity to win \$500!

Tell us, *How you are an ambassador for your profession?* OR...

*How you could be an ambassador for your profession?* Have fun, and be creative! Make sure to submit your short video by October 9<sup>th</sup>, for more information visit <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-contest>

## 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference

**Accommodations - Book your rooms now!**

The CSRT has negotiated lower rates for conference delegates to book their room at The Westin Ottawa (host hotel) for the 2016 conference. The Westin Ottawa is located in the heart of Ottawa, connected to Rideau Centre Mall, and within walking distance to many restaurants, Parliament, museums and much more! The hotel will book up quickly, to avoid disappointment make sure to book your room NOW! For more information, to view rates, or book your room please visit <http://www.csrt.com/accomodations/>

**Ottawa Race Weekend! May 28-29, 2016**

In 2016 the CSRT Annual Education Conference will coincide with Ottawa's largest race weekend! Over 50,000 racers are expected to register and partake in one of the many races taking place that weekend! We know RTs are active, and if you're a runner this race is for you! For more information or to register visit <http://www.runottawa.ca/>

## AA Certification update

The CSRT has been recognized by the CAS for its leadership and is moving forward with the certification of Anesthesia Assistants. An inter-professional AA Certification Workgroup has been established which is chaired by Jessie Cox, CSRT President. The members of the AA Certification Workgroup includes a dedicated group of individuals that will bring perspective from each region and from each AA stakeholder, including

- Perspective from an AA Education program educator
  - Susan Dunington (ON)
- Perspective of two RTs who have graduated from an AA program and are practicing as clinical AA RT
  - Tammy Fagan (NF)
  - John Patton (BC)
- Perspective from two RNs who have graduated from an AA education program and are practicing clinical AA RN
  - Jared Campbell (MB)
  - Wendy So (ON)
- Perspective from a practicing anesthesiologists and from an anesthesiology educator
  - Dr. Patricia Houston (ON)
  - Dr. Michael Murphy (AB)
- Perspective from the exam development process
  - Faylene Funk (MB)
- Perspective from the accreditation services
  - Carolyn McCoy (NB)

A conference call will be held in early October to review the action and communication plan, to discuss the validation of the AA Competency Framework and to discuss next steps. The CSRT hopes to have the AA certification in place by the summer of 2016 at the latest.

### **CSRT advocacy during federal election**

During the current federal election campaign, there has been minimal focus on health. The CSRT issued a press release on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to encourage federal leaders to establish priorities in their electoral platform to enhance our national health care system. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 39 other health care societies, who are also members of the Health Action Lobby Group (HEAL), disseminated similar press releases in a nationally organized media blitz. As a group, it is easier to get the attention of the federal government and to lobby more effectively. The media blitz is based on a national inter-professional consensus statement was developed entitled : *The Canadian Way – Accelerating Innovation and Improving Health System Performance*. This document can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/q3c7gyl>

### **Acute Critical Events Simulation Course**

The CSRT has been working with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada to expand their Acute Critical Events Simulation course. This course will feature online simulations, supported by an electronic textbook and optional face-to-face simulations, and will be open to members of the CSRT. There are volunteer authorship opportunities available to CSRT members who wish to contribute by co-authoring chapters of the electronic text, or to assist in writing some of the simulations. For more information, please contact Carolyn McCoy, CSRT's Director of Accreditation and Professional Practice Services at [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com).

### **Choosing Wisely Canada**

The CSRT is proud to work with Choosing Wisely Canada. The goal of this campaign is to identify unnecessary tests and treatments. To date, the campaign has released lists of "Five Things Physicians and Patients Should

Question” in a number of specialty areas. The CSRT is working with CWC to identify areas of practice of interest to respiratory therapists as well as other members of the health care team for upcoming lists. For more information and to view the current lists released by CWC, please visit <http://www.choosingwiselycanada.org/>.

Did you know...

Choosing Wisely Canada has reviewed the evidence behind the provision of medical air versus medical oxygen for the non-hypoxemic patient who is experiencing shortness of breath in palliative care? CWC notes: **“Don’t use oxygen therapy to treat non-hypoxic dyspnea.** Oxygen is frequently used to relieve shortness of breath in patients with advanced illness; however, supplemental oxygen does not benefit patients who are breathless but not hypoxic. Supplemental flow of air has been found equally effective to oxygen in this context.” (Choosing Wisely Canada, Palliative Care: Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question, 2014).

### **Canadian Patient Safety Institute**

The CSRT is a participating organization in the development of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute’s Patient Safety Education Action Plan. As a participating organization, the CSRT helped identify action items which will help achieve the collective goal of integrating patient safety into all aspects of health education. The CSRT will work with other partner organizations to implement a number of the action items. For more information, or to view the Patient Safety Education Plan, please visit [www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca](http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca).

### **Canada to host 2021 World Critical Care Congress**

The CSRT has partnered with the Canadian Critical Care Society to host the 2021 World Congress of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Claudio Martin successfully presented Canada’s interprofessional bid to host the 2021 World Critical Care Congress at the International Society of Critical Care meeting in Seoul on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Canada was selected for this most important congress. This is another indication at the respect for RTs in the medical community – not only was CSRT invited to participate in the process to develop the bid, we can look forward to working with Dr. Claudio Martin on the planning committee.

### **CSRT highlights the achievement of its members**

We are proud of the achievements of respiratory therapists and are pleased to highlight these achievements in this newsletter. If you know of an RT who has received an award and/or achieved an exceptional initiative in the field of respiratory therapy, please let us know so that we can share their accomplishment with RTs from across Canada. Individual achievements are effective ways of promoting and celebrating the RT profession.

As participants in the Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists’ Education Day (September 11, 2015), we were pleased to be on hand to see Adam Buettner receive the SCRT CAREstream Award. Adam is an RT practicing in the Saskatoon Health Region where he demonstrates excellence in leadership in respiratory therapy, from the bedside to the national stage. He puts the care of his patients first and strives for excellence in all the care he provides. Adam is very approachable and available to provide assistance and learning to



not just other RTs but any other health care provider. He tries to improve and progress the care and safety for respiratory patients. He is a member of the Saskatoon Health Region (SHR) ICU Clinical Practice Committee that looks at new and current practice improvements, and is also involved in the ACLS Committee that ensures safe and appropriate resuscitation efforts throughout SHR. He is also a BLS CPR instructor and an NRP instructor. Adam is currently on the CSRT Board of Directors where he serves as Treasurer and plays an important role in advocating for the profession at the national level. Adam Buettner demonstrates excellence in the practice of respiratory therapy through his direct patient care and his involvement in Saskatoon Health Region, in the province of Saskatchewan and at the national level.

## 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
1415	Clinical Therapist	Chiliwack, BC	CanSleep Services Inc.	7/28/2015
1421	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Saskatoon, SK	VitalAire	9/6/2015
1426	Area Manager	Winnipeg, MB	VitalAire	7/9/2015
1428	Branch Manager	Regina, SK	Prairie Oxygen	7/20/2015
1430	Respiratory Therapist	Yorkton, SK	Sunrise Health Region	8/12/2015
1432	Respiratory Therapist	Kelowna BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	8/20/2015
1433	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Edmonton, AB	VitalAire	8/25/2015
1434	Respiratory Therapist	Grand Prairie, Alberta	VitalAire Healthcare	9/23/2015

1435	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Antigonish, NS	VitalAire Healthcare	9/3/2015
1436	RRT	Camrose, AB	Lakeland Respiratory Camrose	9/8/2015
1437	Territory Sales Representative	Toronto, ON	VitalAire Healthcare	9/8/2015
1438	Respiratory Therapist	Regina, SK	Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region	9/28/2015
1438	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Bonnyville, AB	Funktional Sleep Solutions	9/28/2015

