

CSRT Newsletter

August 2016

Keeping members current on issues that matter

Call for nominations – CSRT Board of Directors: Deadline November 1

Being a member of the CSRT Board of Directors 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. The 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 anesthesia assistants with regional perspective from the Atlantic provinces
2. Perspective from RT students (1st or 2nd year RT student)

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

- **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. Should there be more than one candidates for the above positions, an on-line voting process will be implemented.
- **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

More details on the nomination process and nomination form available here: <http://www.csrt.com/call-for-nominations/>.

Student members can vote for CSRT Board member with student perspective

In accordance with the legislation for non-profit organizations adopted in 2014, non-voting members can vote for issues that impact them. As a result, the RT students, who are CSRT members in good standing will have the opportunity to vote for the Board member with the perspective from RT students. As per the above article, in the event that there is more than one RT student nominated, there will be an on-line voting process. Student members will be invited to vote for the Student Board member. More information will be communicated regarding the voting process in early 2017.

Reminder of upcoming deadlines

- **CSRT Fellowship DEADLINE September 30th**

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. For information and to apply, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/csrt-fellowship-fcsrt/>.

- **CSRT Anesthesia Assistant Certificate DEADLINE September 30th**

This certificate was created to recognize CSRT-registered and associate members who have completed additional education and training in the field of anesthesia to become an anesthesia assistant. For information and to apply, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/aa-certificate/>.

- **Call for Presenters – 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference DEADLINE October 15th**

RTs are invited to submit a presentation for the 2017 CSRT Annual Education Conference which will be held in Halifax, NS from May 11-13, 2017.

For more information and submission form please follow this link: <http://conference.csrt.com/>

- **Nominations for CSRT Board of Directors DEADLINE November 1st**

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Term: May 2017-May 2019

For more information and nomination form please click here: <http://www.csrt.com/board-of-directors/>

- **Nominations for CSRT Award Program DEADLINE October 15th**

CSRT members are invited to submit nominations for the 2017 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; (3) the **Excellence in Pulmonary Function Testing Award** to recognize an individual 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.

Information on each of the awards, as well as nomination forms are available at the following link: <http://www.csrt.com/award-programs/>.

REMINDER! Pulmonary Function Testing Symposium (Registration still open!)

The Canadian Association of Cardio-Pulmonary Technologists (CACPT) is offering a Pulmonary Function Testing Symposium at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Toronto on September 23rd and 24th, 2016. The Symposium is open to all Pulmonary Function Technologists, Respiratory Therapists and Allied Health Professionals. To register online and view the program please go to <http://www.cacpt.ca/>.

New Feature on CSRT website: Public information portal

The CSRT is pleased to present a new portion of its website geared toward the public. This new section links to reliable information on a variety of health-related topics and cardiorespiratory diseases processes in English and in French. To view the new portal, visit <http://www.csrt.com/resources-for-the-public/> . To suggest additional topics or sites, please e-mail cmccoy@csrt.com.

RT to vent Ratio Study published in the CJRT

This study, completed by Andrew West and his research team at the University of Manitoba was completed and presented at the CSRT Annual Education Conference in Calgary in May 2015. It has now been published in the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy - *Staffing patterns of respiratory therapists in critical care units of Canadian teaching hospitals* study is published in the Canadian Journal of Respiratory

Therapy: <http://www.pulsus.com/journals/abstract.jsp?jnlKy=14&atlKy=14066&isuKy=1313&isArt=t> (PDF of the complete article [here](#)). Financial and administrative support was provided by the CSRT.

Catalogue of Clinical Guidelines

The catalogue of clinical guidelines on the CSRT website has been updated and is available under the Resources tab. Visit <http://www.csrt.com/catalogue-of-guidelines/> . To suggest additional topics or guidelines, please e-mail cmccoy@csrt.com.

Canadian Patient Engagement Network

The Canadian Patient Engagement Network is now live! Recognizing the need for a comprehensive guide for patient engagement based on evidence and best practices, several National Patient Safety Consortium partners began championing the idea of a safe, public space where anyone passionate about patient engagement or patient-centred care can share, learn and help others.

The Canadian Patient Engagement Network helps build individual and system capacity for effective patient engagement toward one common goal: safe healthcare for all Canadians. You can participate in this network through LinkedIn and Facebook.

Free online education from Medtronic

CSRT industry partner Medtronic offers free online education. Courses are available on a range of topics, including mechanical ventilation and non-invasive monitoring in a variety of practice areas. For more information, to view the list of courses or to register, please visit <http://www.covidien.com/pace/clinical-education>. Courses are approximately one hour in length and can be used to earn continuing education credits.

Free Education for NICU RTs

CSRT industry partners Bunnell Incorporated and Mallinckrodt, and the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre (HSC) Neonatology and Respiratory Care Departments have partnered to offer an opportunity for advanced user education and training for NICU clinicians at HSC. The first full-day symposium will take place in Winnipeg on October 4th. There will be no charge for the HSC clinicians to attend. Lunch and five CSRT CE/CPD credits for RTs will be provided. The purpose will be to provide NICU clinicians a unique opportunity for learning and enhancing skills and confidence when applying highly specified devices (iNO and HFV) to patients. If you are interested in an opportunity to host this event in your area, contact Evan Richards by e-mail: evanr@bunl.com.

Free webinars for Respiratory Therapy week (October 23-29)

A series of free webinars of interest to various areas of practice are being offered by the CSRT for RT week. More details to follow in the next newsletter and on our website, or you can follow us on social media where we will post information as it is finalized.

Monday, October 24th, 12:00 PM EDT:

Ashley Kitteringham; JOURNAL CLUB (article to be confirmed) (Area of practice: Chronic care)

Monday, October 24th, 3:00 EDT:

Lung Injury and the Role of HFV in its Prevention, (presenter TBD) (Area of practice: Critical care)

Tuesday, October 25th, 12:00 PM EDT:

Erin McLaughlin, Medtronic: *Procedural Sedation and Capnography in the Specialty Suites* (Area of practice: Anesthesia and General Practice)

Tuesday, October 25th, 3:00 PM EDT:

Ray Hubble: *Using Leadership Skills Outside Respiratory Therapy* (Area of practice: Leadership)

Thursday, October 27, 12:00 EDT:

Annie Bélanger, Medtronic: FRENCH PRESENTATION: *La sédation et capnographie* (Area of practice: Anesthesia and General Practice)

Friday, October 28, 12:00 EDT:

Sam Da Costa: *Dealing with Death* (Presentation for students)

One additional webinar presented by Mark Rasmus, MD (Topic and time to be confirmed) will also be presented during RT week.

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

The CSRT is launching a contest where RTs and students are invited to do a short video (90 secs max). The theme this year is ***“Celebrating the profession!”*** This contest will run from August 15th to October 7th, 2016. For more information and instructions on how to upload your video click here <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-contest/>.

Then tell us about your experience! All videos submitted will be posted to the CSRT members from October 13th to 23rd and we will ask 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 23rd-29th.

RT Week Promotional items to be ordered

This year, for the 2016 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 Monday, August 15th and orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. You can place your order at <https://form.jotform.com/52030775785965>

The CSRT will also offer a series of free webinars during this week – Stay tuned as there will be a webinar of interest in various areas 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".

Share your experiences with us on social media using **#RTWeek2016**. More information to come!

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. 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
1439	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Bonnyville	Funktional Sleep Solutions	9/28/2015
1457	CPAP Clinic Respiratory Therapist	Edmonton, AB	Integrated Sleep Group	1/15/2016
1506	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Helen Ziegler & Associates	7/14/2016
1509	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Bathurst, NB	VitalAire Canada	7/26/2016
1510	Clinical Consultant	Edmundston, NB	VitalAire Canada	7/26/2016
1511	Respiratory Therapist	Vancouver, BC	Vancouver Costal Health	7/29/2016
1512	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Prince George, BC	VitalAire Canada	8/9/2016
1513	Product Manager	London, ON	Trudell Medical Marketing Ltd.	8/12/2016
1514	Clinical Applications Specialist – Anesthesia	Western Canada	GE Healthcare	8/24/2016
1515	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Stratford, PE	VitalAire Canada	8/29/2016