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# CSRT Newsletter



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Keeping members current on issues that matter

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## **CSRT Board of Directors – Election results**

Thank you to all CSRT members who participated in the on-line voting process for the election of Board members. We are very pleased to announce that the following individuals will be joining the Board of Directors in May 2016:

- Scott Vigliotti from BC with the perspectives from Industry, Western Canada and non-regulated jurisdictions;
- Paul Williams from ON with the perspectives from Education and Ontario;
- Patricia Ann Therriault from QC with the perspectives from the province of Québec

There will be a more formal introduction of the Board of Directors during the 2016 Annual General Meeting on Friday, May 27, 2016 at which time the membership will be invited to ratify the new members.



## **Don't forget to renew your membership!**

***Congratulations to Tan Nhan from Toronto, ON, he was the January membership draw winner!***

A reminder to renew your membership before March 31<sup>st</sup>! The sooner you renew the more draws your name will be included in for a chance to win 1 of 3 *Bose Soundlink Coloured Bluetooth Speakers*. Draws Only two more monthly draws left (February & March). To renew your membership please visit <http://www.csrt.com/renew-your-membership/>



## **Implementation of new MIS Standards for Respiratory Therapy Services**

The April 1 deadline to implement the new CIHI MIS Standards for Reporting Respiratory Services is rapidly approaching! In October 2015, the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHI) informed the CFO, CEO and other Administrator of each health organization in Canada regarding the new Medical Information Systems Standards (MIS) for Respiratory Therapy Services. The CSRT is working with CIHI to facilitate the implementation process. A copy of the bulletin sent to each institution is available on the CSRT web site [www.csrt.com](http://www.csrt.com). CSRT has set up two webinars. The first Webinar, scheduled on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon, Arlene Thiessen, Senior Analyst at the CIHI, will provide an overview of the new MIS Standards. During a second webinar, scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon EST, Flora Brushett, Manager of Workload Measurement, MIS Data and Workload at Eastern Health in Newfoundland, will provide a practical approach for implementation by RT departments. CSRT will provide regular updates through eblasts to its members and our social media initiatives. For more information, contact Carolyn McCoy, Director of Professional Practice at [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com)



## **CSRT Annual Education Conference**

### **2016 Conference Keynote Speakers & Conference Program**

The program is available on the CSRT web site and you will note that again this year, a large majority of speakers are RTs. There are many RTs across Canada with specific expertise and we are thrilled to support them to come and share their knowledge and experience with their colleagues. We have also included some keynote speakers on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - You won't want to miss out on these great talks and many more!

- **Harold Oglesby, RRT** – Monitoring of respiratory compromise in hospitalized patients across the continuum of care
- **Doctor François Marquis** – Opioid Induced Respiratory Depression
- **Hélène Campbell, Double Lung Transplant Survivor & Patient Advocate** – Second Wind
- **Séan McCann, Addiction Survivor & Great Big Sea Singer** – The Healing Power of Music

*For a detailed conference program please visit <http://conference.csrt.com/program-at-a-glance/>*

### **CSRT Annual General Meeting – Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am**

All conference delegates are welcome to attend the CSRT AGM. Only those who are registered members will have the right to vote and be entered in the draw for a door prize. Opening remarks and plenary session begin directly after the AGM.

### **Poster Presentations – Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

The deadline to submit your entry form/abstract is quickly approaching! We invite 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. For more information, including entry forms, poster guidelines, and rules/regulations please follow this link <http://www.csrt.com/poster-presentation-information/>.

### **Accommodations – The Westin Ottawa Sold Out!**

The Westin Ottawa is the host hotel for the 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference. Due to popular demand, the CSRT room block is now sold out! CSRT was able to negotiate low rates at two other properties, the Lord Elgin Hotel, as well as the Courtyard by Marriott East Hotel. There is a limited number of room's available at each property and we encourage you to book your accommodations as soon as possible if you plan on attending the conference. There are many other hotels located in the downtown core and ByWard Market, however these two properties are where you'll be able to receive preferred rates. To book a room and view rates/location please visit <http://conference.csrt.com/accommodations/>

### **Early Bird Registration – Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Make sure to register to the conference by April 1<sup>st</sup>, for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to the Rideau Centre Shopping Mall (attached to The Westin Hotel). To register and view all registration promotions please visit <http://conference.csrt.com/registration/>

## **APRV as a Therapeutic Tool to Reduce ARDS Incidence**

### **“Never let the Lung Collapse” *Education Grant Provided by Dräger Medical Canada***

This interactive workshop is designed to engage participants to consider what lung protection means to those that really matter – the alveoli. A multi-disciplinary team of experts will guide participants toward practical bedside strategies to utilize the protective mechanical breath profile offered by APRV. There is limited space for this workshop, make sure to register early to guarantee a spot!

## **Degree as Entry to Practice for Respiratory Therapy**

The issue of a mandatory degree for entry to practice is not a new one. The CSRT Blueprint for the RT profession (2014) lists this as a priority action item. Together, the elected presidents of the regulatory bodies and of the CSRT along with the CSRT Executive Director have been working to analyze the evidence and develop strategies to establish degree as entry-to-practice. A presentation was made in June to government officials in Saskatchewan and feedback from this group was positive.

The next step in this provincial/national initiative is the development of a consensus statement amongst key stakeholders in Respiratory Therapy (i.e., regulators, educators, accrediting body for respiratory therapy schools, and employers) to ensure our profession, as a whole, recognizes and agrees on the value and importance of moving toward degree entry-to-practice. To this end, the CSRT will be hosting an afternoon workshop on May 25, 2016, to bring a number of these stakeholders together to discuss the key question: Is Degree as Entry-to-Practice the right thing for the RT profession? This is an opportunity to have a face-to-face discussion on this issue, review the evidence and, if feasible, formulate a stakeholder consensus statement. For more information on this event, please contact [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com).

## **Private practice for RTs – an update**

Last year, Medavie Blue Cross announced that they were offering clients in Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces with a diagnosis of asthma or COPD a new benefit: reimbursement for consultations with CREs or CAEs with the option to self-refer. Due to unforeseen challenges, Medavie Blue Cross has seen little uptake of this new benefit. To support RTs interested in entering private practice and to help this initiative expand nationally and to other private payers, the CSRT has begun working with Medavie Blue Cross to develop strategies to overcome these challenges.

There will be information sessions with RTs who have the CRE / CAE professional designation in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in March and April (and possible Quebec and Ontario over the summer). Participants will learn about the Medavie Blue Cross benefit, receive a practical guide to entering private practice and discuss specific strategies for each community. For more information, contact [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com).

## **CBRC announces computer based examination**

The CBRC is proud and excited to announce the implementation of a computer-based examination with the first writing taking place on July 4, 2016. The CBRC board has worked diligently over the past several years researching computer-based testing, this is a big advancement for the CBRC and a great privilege for those who will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information and official announcement, please visit the CBRC website [www.cbrc.ca](http://www.cbrc.ca)

## **CSRT Active Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn**

Have you liked us on Facebook? We have expanded our presence on Twitter and LinkedIn. Why not join us there too? The CSRT will not always post the same content on all three sites. To get to most of social media content, we invite you to like or follow us on more than one site! Twitter: @CSRT\_tweets

## **CSRT On-Line Job Bank Listings**

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

Job No.	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
1444	Clinical Consultant	Regina, SK	VitalAire	10/14/2015
1447	Branch Manager	Regina, SK	VitalAire Canada	11/19/2015
1455	Respiratory Therapist	Lethbridge, AB	Chinook Lung Function Clinic	1/4/2016
1457	Respiratory Therapist	Edmonton, AB	Integrated Sleep Group	1/15/2016
1467	Clinical Consultant	Corner Brook, NL	VitalAire Canada	2/1/2016
1468	Area Manager, Kelowna BC	Kelowna, BC	VitalAire Canada	2/8/2016
1469	Area Manager, Edmonton, AB	Edmonton, AB	VitalAire Canada	2/8/2016
1470	RRT/CRE	Vancouver, BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	2/16/2016
1471	Clinical Therapist	Nanaimo, BC	Independent Respiratory Services	2/29/2016
1472	Clinical Consultant	Belleville, ON	VitalAire Canada	2/29/2016