

CSRT Newsletter

July 2016

Keeping members current on issues that matter

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!

Call for Presenters – 2017 CSRT Annual Education Conference – Deadline October 15

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 – submissions are accepted in each area of practice (critical care, neonatal/pediatric, diagnostics and general therapeutics, anesthesia and chronic care. In addition, the presentations must fulfill one of the following patient care areas – **quality improvement, patient safety, research and innovation, patient and family-centered care and evidence-based practice. We will also have a forum for students, educators, as well as for emerging leaders and experienced leaders.** The submission form is available at the following link: <http://conference.csrt.com/>

Please note that due to budgetary constraints, funding for speakers will be limited to economy travel, ground transportation and accommodation for 2 nights for presenters from outside the Halifax area only. Also, complimentary registration will only be provided for the day of the presentation – full registration will be offered to speakers at a reduced rate of \$200.

Nominations for CSRT Award Program – Deadline October 15

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.

The CSRT awards program also includes the **President's Award**, selected by the CSRT President and the **Honorary Awards**, selected by the Board of Directors. All awards will be conferred during the President's banquet at the 2017 CSRT Annual Education Conference. The CSRT will pay for the travel, accommodation and registration for the recipient of each award to attend the 2017 CSRT Annual Education Conference. Information on each of the awards, as well as nomination forms are available at the following link: <http://www.csrt.com/award-programs/>

CoARTE: Accreditation policies updated

The Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education has revised its policies on Appeals on Third Party Complaints. The policies are available on the CSRT website, under the Accreditation tab:

<http://www.csrt.com/?wpdmdl=13444>

CSRT Fellowship (FCSRT)

The CSRT Board of Directors is pleased to welcome the following members to the list of CSRT Fellows: Carlie Brown (ON), Cory Campbell (MB) and Priya Patel (ON). The FCSRT designation was created in 2010 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. To date, 148 members have applied and been approved for this designation.

The CSRT audits 5% of FCSRT holders to be annually to ensure their ongoing eligibility for this designation (auditees are randomly selected). Congratulations to Yvonne Drasovean, Kelly Hassall, Phoebe Lam, Steve Rogers and Chantale Roy on their successful audits.

The CSRT Board of Directors reviews applicants for the FCSRT designation twice per year. **The deadline for fall applications is September 30th**. For more information, to see a list of Fellows or to apply, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/csrt-fellowship-fcsrt/>.

AA CSRT Certificate

The CSRT Board of Directors was pleased to award the AA-CSRT certificate to the following members at its May 24, 2016 meeting: David Gillette, Sheila Kay, David Moga, David Toth, Peter Triantafillou and Terri Tryon. The AA-CSRT was developed in 2014 to recognize CSRT registered and associate members who have completed additional education and training in the field of anesthesia and who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing education. To date 22 members have been awarded the AA-CSRT Certificate.

Like the FCSRT designation, 5% of AA-CSRT certificate holders are randomly selected and audited annually. Congratulations to Tammy Fagan on successfully completing the audit in 2016.

The CSRT Board of Directors recently removed the five year membership requirement for this certificate. AA-CSRT applicants must be registered or associate members at the time of their application and must remain members in good standing once awarded the certificate to maintain their designation. The Board invites all

members (registered or associate) who meet the other AA-CSRT criteria to apply for this certificate. For more information, to view the list of certificate holders or to apply, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/aa-certificate/>. **The deadline for fall applications is September 30th.**

UPDATE – Anesthesia Assistant (AA) certification process

The CSRT has worked for over 15 years with numerous stakeholders (anesthesiologists, RNs, education programs, regulators) to establish a certification process for AAs. In order to ensure optimal anesthetic patient care, it is essential to have national educational standards, a national exam process and a national accreditation process for the certification of AAs.

In May 2015, the CSRT Board of Directors decided it was time for RTs to drive the process as more and more RTs selected anesthesia as their preferred area of practice. The CSRT was able to work around the challenges and the “politics” and implemented an inter-professional approach establishing the AA Certification Workgroup. The CSRT’s collaborative approach was effective to establish a national certification process for AAs that is acceptable and endorsed by all professionals involved (anesthesiologists, RNs, education programs, regulators). We have now completed most of the activities involved in establishing national standards for the education, certification and the safe practice of AAs. We have finalized a national competency framework that was validated in April 2016 and it will be distributed to educators, regulators, governments and all professional stakeholders over the summer months. The accreditation process of education programs has been established and will be implemented by September 2016.

The next step is to develop the AA certification exam and this will be done in the next 6 months. We will keep you posted – the CSRT continues to provide a AA-CSRT certificate to practicing AAs. **The CSRT Board of Directors recently removed the five year membership requirement for this certificate.**

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	Rural Alberta	Funktional Sleep Solutions	9/28/2015
1457	Respiratory Therapist	Edmonton, AB	Integrated Sleep Group	1/15/2016
1505	RRT, Regional Manager, Lower Mainland	Vancouver and Lower Mainland, BC	Independent Respiratory Services	7/7/2016
1506	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Helen Ziegler & Associates	7/14/2016
1507	Clinical Consultant (RRT)	Corner Brook, NL	VitalAire Canada	7/19/2016
1508	Anesthesia Assistant	Burlington, ON	Joseph Brant Hospital	7/25/2016
1509	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Bathurst, NB	VitalAire Canada	7/26/2016
1510	Clinical Consultant	Edmundston, NB	VitalAire Canada	7/26/2016
1493	Sleep/CPAP Therapist	Abbotsford, BC	Sleeptech	6/4/2016