

# CSRT Newsletter

March 2016

Keeping members current on issues that matter



## CSRT Annual General Meeting – Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>

The CSRT Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at The Westin Ottawa Hotel in Ottawa, ON. Current Registered, Honorary and Senior Registered Members of the Society, in good standing, are entitled to vote in person at the meeting or by appointment of proxy. If you are unable to attend, you may complete a proxy form and return by mail or fax to the CSRT office by **Friday, May 20, 2016**.

Please follow this link <http://www.csrt.com/annual-general-meeting/> to view the official announcement, minutes from the 2015 CSRT AGM, objectives for the 2016 AGM, and print off a proxy form should you not be able to attend the meeting in person.

## CSRT Annual Education Conference

### Thank you to our Industry Partners!

Year after year the CSRT depends on the sponsorship and support of our industry partners to help ensure a successful conference. Without their generosity and commitment to the profession, the CSRT would not be able to provide such a high quality educational program and many of the “extras” you see onsite. We encourage you to visit each and every booth in the exhibit hall and take the opportunity to benefit from the knowledge shared on various products and services from industry.

### 2016 CSRT Annual Education Conference Sponsors



For a complete list of all exhibitors please visit <http://conference.csrt.com/?ddownload=1429>

### **New this year – Welcome Reception Door Prize**

Make sure to attend the official “kick-off” to the CSRT Annual Education Conference, for your chance to win a \$100 pre-paid VISA card! You must be present when the draw takes place at 7:30pm. The welcome reception is a great opportunity to visit the booth and meet the vendors face-to-face, network with your colleagues, enjoy some snacks and a complimentary beverage!

### **Industry Education Sessions**

As in the past, the industry partners are providing educational sessions to increase your knowledge in a particular field of practice. This year we present five new industry education sessions, and we’re sure you’ll find one that peaks your interest! All sessions take place on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, two of which are breakfast symposiums and three which will take place just before lunch. One CSRT CME/CPD credit will be issued for each session. CSRT also provides a door prize at each Industry Education Session (this is offered only when approved by an individual company).

Take a look at the topics we have lined up for you this year! For session times and complete information please visit <http://conference.csrt.com/industry-sessions/>

- ***Sponsored by Maquet Canada:***  
**A new Device for Inhaled Nitric Oxide Treatment in ICUs: Description and Bench Test Assessment**  
***Speaker:*** Philippe Jovet, MD, PhD., Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Sainte-Justine Hospital, University of Montreal  
**Nitric Oxide in Canada; the Future is Now**  
***Speaker:*** Patricia-Ann Therriault, inh., FCSRT, Clinical Affairs Manager, Air Liquide Healthcare
- ***Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim:***  
**The Role of the Respiratory Therapist in the Diagnosis & Management of IPF**  
***Speaker:*** Dr. Ronald Grossman, Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto, Chief of Medicine, Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga, ON
- ***Sponsored by Mallinckrodt:***  
**Decision Drivers and Patient Safety: A reflection on the use of the inhaled pulmonary vasodilators**  
***Speaker:*** Duane Wong, RRT, Professional Practice Coordinator, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Clinical Site Coordinator, BC Children’s Hospital.  
***Speaker:*** Tom Piraino, RRT, FCSRT, Best Practice Clinical Educator, Respiratory Therapy Services, St. Joseph’s Hospital Hamilton, ON – Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct), Department of Anesthesia, Division of Critical Care, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
- ***Sponsored by McArthur Medical:***  
**Transcutaneous Monitoring of Gas Exchange: “It’s Not Just Kids’ Stuff”**  
***Speaker:*** Kristen Hood, RRT-NPS, Clinical Educator, Children’s Medical Centre, Dallas, Texas, USA, Clinical Specialist Consultant, Infinity Medical, Houston, Texas, USA
- ***Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim:***  
**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Update: Turning Confusion into Confidence**  
***Speaker:*** Dr. Krishna Sharma, MD, FRCPC, Assistant Professor, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

### **New this year – Professional Photo Booth – Complimentary to all Conference Delegates!**

The CSRT is happy to offer all delegates the opportunity to have a professional photographer take their picture (headshot) at no cost! We know many of you have LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook accounts, and would like to

have your picture professionally taken. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm, or Saturday 9am-2pm in the exhibit hall. Pictures will not be publicly shared and they will be available to you within 2-3 weeks after the conference.

### **Delegate Perks/Discounts for Ottawa!**

There's so much to do and see in Ottawa... Why not plan to come a little earlier or stay a little longer and enjoy some of these great discounts available to all conference attendees? Many of the restaurants and museums listed are within walking distance to The Westin Ottawa or a short drive away. To view all these great deals please visit <http://conference.csrt.com/?ddownload=1429>

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

Register for the conference by April 1<sup>st</sup> to be entered in a draw to win a \$100 gift certificate to the Ottawa Rideau Centre Shopping Mall. To register, and view all promos visit <http://conference.csrt.com/registration/>

### **New this year – Conference Abstracts Published in the Spring Issue of the Journal (CJRT)!**

We are pleased to publish a select number of abstracts from the CSRT Conference in the upcoming spring issue of the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy. If you cannot make it to the conference in Ottawa, be sure to check out the CJRT when it becomes available online in late April. The work of your colleagues in 2016 highlights current research and practice innovations led by RTs, and we encourage you to review the abstracts and connect with the authors to collaborate, share, and engage as we build our own body of knowledge. We have made every effort to include all abstracts accepted by the Program Committee before the publication deadline; however, please note that this collection does not represent the entire program (available at [www.csrt.com](http://www.csrt.com)). If you have any questions about the abstracts or the CJRT, please contact the Managing Editor at [editor@csrt.com](mailto:editor@csrt.com)

### **Poster Presentation Competition – Deadline Extended April 21<sup>st</sup>!**

The deadline to submit your entry form/abstract has been extended to April 1<sup>st</sup>! We invite students and respiratory therapists to submit a poster presentation to be displayed during the CSRT Annual Education Conference in Ottawa! 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/>.

### **Renew Your Membership Before March 31<sup>st</sup>!**

Renew your membership by March 31<sup>st</sup> to be included in our final membership draw for a chance to win a **Bose Soundlink Speaker!** Make sure your membership and professional liability insurance does not lapse. To renew please visit <http://www.csrt.com/renew-your-membership/>

### **Professional Liability Insurance**

Did you know that purchasing liability insurance through a private broker can cost up to a \$1000/month? CSRT offers two great options for its members at a low cost of \$46 or \$84 for the entire year! If you've ever wondered how the CSRT's professional liability insurance coverage compares to others across Canada, take a look at this comparison chart and know what your coverage includes and how it differs from others:

<http://www.csrt.com/?wpdmdl=8462>

## Anesthesia Assistant Certification Update

The CSRT continues to provide leadership and support to inter-professional AA Certification Workgroup, chaired by Jessie Cox, CSRT President. The validation of the AA Competency Framework will occur this spring: A Huge “Thank You!” to those AAs who tested the pilot surveys in French and in English. For more information on the Anesthesia Assistant Certification Project, please e-mail [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com).

## Four Québec Programs Leave CSRT Accreditation

In the past 15 months, four of nine respiratory therapy programs in Quebec have left the national accreditation process: Collège Ellis: Trois-Rivières, Collège Ellis: Longueuil, Cégep de Sherbrooke and Cégep de Sainte-Foy. (Graduates in Quebec are not required to complete their training in an accredited program to obtain a license to practice in Quebec. Under the Agreement on Internal Trade, respiratory therapists holding a Quebec license are eligible for licensure in the other regulated provinces without having successfully passed the CBRC exam.) The CSRT feels that this movement away from a common external program evaluation process has negatively affected the maintenance of national standards for respiratory therapy education in Canada.

The CSRT has written to the Ministers responsible for health and education in each regulated province to express its concern with the impact that this movement away from accreditation has on a number of fronts. Specifically, the letter notes the following issues:

- Programs which are not accredited lack an external/independent process to ensure graduates have attained all of the entry-to-practice competencies specified in the National Competency Profile.
- Programs which are not accredited lack a common external quality improvement process to suggest improvements or to identify best practices or emerging trends and issues.
- Graduates from non-accredited programs face possible problems obtaining employment outside of Quebec, as employers may opt to hire only graduates from accredited programs.
- There is the possibility for the public to receive sub-optimal care from a graduate of a non-accredited program who has not attained all of the entry-to-practice competencies.

The CSRT will continue to advocate to maintain national standards for respiratory therapy education in Canada.

For more information on the CSRT accreditation process, or to see a copy of the letter sent to each minister, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/coarte/> or contact [coarte@csrt.com](mailto:coarte@csrt.com). (For a list of accredited programs, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/accredited-programs/>.)

## Final Reminders

### **CSRT Fellowship DEADLINE April 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/> or contact [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com).

### **CSRT Anesthesia Assistant Certificate DEADLINE April 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/> or contact [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com).

## [Upcoming Severe Asthma Conference – May 6 & 7 in Toronto](#)

The Asthma Society of Canada invites you to register for the *Fighting for Breath: Severe Asthma Conference*, taking place on May 6-7 in Toronto. This unique event will examine the complex health, social and economic issues related to Severe Asthma and issue a call-to-action for decision makers.

For more information, or to register and take advantage of early bird tickets, ending March 25th, 2016, please visit [www.fightingforbreath.ca](http://www.fightingforbreath.ca).

## [Recognizing RTs](#)

The CSRT extends its congratulations to Kristin Clarke, RT student in the QEII/Dalhousie program on her team's gold medal win at the Women's World Junior Curling Championship. Way to go, Kristin!

## [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
1473	Respiratory Therapist	Victoria, BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	3/2/2016
1474	Clinical Consultant Fredection	Fredericton, NB	VitalAire Canada	3/3/2016
1475	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Winnipeg, MB	VitalAire Canada	3/8/2016
1476	Clinical Consultant	Vancouver BC	VitalAire Canada	3/10/2016
1477	Clinical Sleep Consultant	Brampton, ON	VitalAire Canada	3/17/2016
1478	Respiratory Therapist	Surrey, BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	3/18/2016
1479	Registered Respiratory Therapist / LPN	Saskatoon, SK	VitalAire Canada	3/18/2016
1480	Product Manager - Sleep Therapies	Mississauga, ON	VitalAire Canada	3/21/2016
1481	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Calgary, AB	VitalAire Canada	3/28/2016