

# CSRT Newsletter

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Keeping members current on issues that matter

## **Welcoming New CSRT CEO**



CSRT staff and members welcome Andrew West who takes the reigns of the CSRT as Chief Executive Office on August 14, 2017. Andrew West, who is a fluent communicator in both official languages, brings to the CSRT a wealth of experience from his leadership position at the University of Manitoba, where he served both as department head as well as a researcher and scholar. He has just recently completed his Doctoral studies at the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary. A warm welcome awaits him as he moves to Ottawa for his new role in the RT profession.

## **CSRT Creates a Respiratory Home Care Award**

The CSRT Board of Directors recently approved the creation of the VitalAire Respiratory Home Care Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize a respiratory therapist who has made significant contributions in the field of respiratory home care services or who has influenced others toward higher levels of achievement in the field of respiratory home care services. This award includes recognition of an individual working in any aspect of respiratory care in the home. The call for nominations for this award will be distributed in the next CSRT e-newsletter. The award criteria are similar to other CSRT awards in that the individual being nominated must be a member in good standing of the CSRT and for this award, the individual must be currently working in the field of respiratory home care services. The CSRT Homecare RT Network will be asked to provide its recommendations for the selection of the award recipient to the Board of Directors.

## **RT Week Video Contest - Using Your Creativity To Educate Patients** **\$500 Cash Prize!**

Every year the CSRT runs a video contest during RT Week and we are always amazed at the quality of the work done and the creativity of RTs. In the past, the CSRT RT Week Video Contest has focused on the promotion of the profession. For 2017 we wanted to turn the focus of your creativity to show RTs advocating for the patient. Given that CSRT just established a Respiratory Compromise Advisory Group, they will award a cash prize of \$500 to the RRTs and/or RT students who do the best patient education video that raises awareness on assessing their risks for respiratory compromise following surgery. This contest will run from August 15<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For more information: <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week-contest/>. All videos submitted will be posted to the CSRT website. The winning video will be announced during RT Week. This contest is open to everyone.

## **RT Week (October 22-28<sup>th</sup>) Promotional items to be ordered**

Material for 2017 RT week is now available – materials include a wall calendar poster and hand-outs for patients (“What is an RT” brochure) as well as lanyards. Again this year we have a limited amount of large promotional banners (6ft wide x 2ft tall) that can be ordered. Also available is a “how to guide” to help you plan your activities. Both the guide and order forms can be found at <http://www.csrt.com/rt-week/>. We continue to plan for the 2017 RT Week and will keep you updated as more information is available. *Share your experiences with us on social media using #RTWeek2017. More information to come!*

## **Fall and RT Week Webinars**

The CSRT will be presenting a number of webinars this fall and for RT Week. Speakers and topics are being confirmed, and will cover multiple areas of practice. Stay tuned to our next newsletter for more details!

## **Newfoundland RT Program Loses Accreditation**

The Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education has withdrawn the accreditation status of the Respiratory Therapy program at the College of the North Atlantic in St. John’s, NL. The program was given probationary status in 2016 and had one year to address areas of non-conformity with accreditation standards. At the end of this one-year mark, sufficient progress had not been, and the decision to withdraw status was made. As the national professional association that administers the accreditation program and represents the profession across the country, the CSRT will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure students in Newfoundland are provided with the opportunity to graduate from an accredited respiratory therapy program and are able to meet the entry to practice requirements.

## **CSRT Annual Education Conference**

Our 54<sup>th</sup> CSRT Annual Education Conference will take place at the Westin Bayshore May 24-26, 2018 in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. Stay tuned for upcoming information including; call for presenters and hotel link to book accommodation. Our conference homepage will help keep you up-to-date with all relevant information <http://conference.csrt.com/>. We look forward to welcoming our members and RTs across the globe to what is sure to be a sell-out event!



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## [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 member:



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Job No.	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
1574	Assistant Professor	Winnipeg, MB	University Manitoba	09/06/2017
1578	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Edmundston, NB	VitalAire	27/06/2017
1581	Registered Respiratory Therapist/Certified Respiratory Educator	Vancouver, BC	MedPro Respiratory Care	07/07/2017
1582	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Ottawa, ON	Somerset West Community Health Centres	18/07/2017
1583	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Prince George, Victoria & Penticton, BC.	AvantSleep	18/07/2017
1584	Marketing/Sleep Clinician	Edmonton, AB	Provincial Sleep Group Inc.	20/07/2017