

# CSRT Newsletter

March 2017

Keeping members current on issues that matter



## **CSRT Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Saturday, May 13<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 will begin directly after the AGM.

## **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.

### **2017 CSRT Annual Education Conference Sponsors**



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

### **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 8 new industry education sessions, and we're sure you'll find one that peaks your interest! All sessions take place on Friday May 12th, four of which are breakfast symposiums and four which will take place just after lunch. One CSRT CME/CPD credit will be issued for each session. CSRT door prize at some Industry Education Sessions (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> & <http://conference.csrt.com/breakfast-symposiums>

### **Sponsored by GE Healthcare**

#### **Indirect Calorimetry: Taking the Guess Work out of Feeding Critically Ill Patients**

**Speaker:** *Jennifer A. Wooley, MS, RD, CNSC*

### **Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline**

#### **A Review of the Medications from GSK's COPD Portfolio**

**Speaker:** *Stephen Graham, BSc(Pharmacy), PhD*

### **Sponsored by Trudell Medical Marketing**

#### **Understanding the Role of OPEP Therapy and Mucous Clearance in the COPD Patient**

**Speaker:** *TBA*

**Speaker:** *Angela Taylor, RRT*

### **Sponsored by CHS Ltd. & Aerogen**

#### **Advanced Aerosol Delivery**

**Speaker:** *Patricia Dailey, BS, Respiratory Therapist*

### **Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Canada Ltd. Pharmaceuticals**

#### **The Changing Landscape in the Treatment of COPD**

**Speaker:** *Dr. Colm McParland, MBChB BAO, FRCPI, FRCPC*

### **Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline**

#### **A Review of the Medications from GSK's Asthma Portfolio**

**Speaker:** *Stephen Graham, BSc(Pharmacy), PhD*

### **Sponsored by BOMImed Inc.**

#### **Esophageal Pressure Monitoring**

**Speaker:** *Ray Ritz, BA, RRT, FAARC*

### **Sponsored by Mallinckrodt**

#### **Shift Happens: Changing Minds and Minding Change**

**Speaker:** *Evan Richards, BSc, RT*

**Speaker:** *TBA*

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

There's so much to do and see in Halifax... 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 Halifax Marriott Harbourfront or a short drive away. To view all these great deals please visit <http://www.destinationhalifax.com/experience-halifax/things-to-do>

### **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 Halifax, be sure to check out the CJRT when it becomes available online in late April. The work of your colleagues in 2017 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)

### **New initiative from Draeger and the CSRT**

CSRT Corporate Member and Platinum Sponsor of the upcoming 2017 CSRT Annual Education Conference have been working on a special new offering for Canadian respiratory therapists and we are sure you will like it! Visit Draeger at their booth in the conference exhibit hall, or keep watching CSRT social media for more details!

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

Congratulations to Sherry-Lee from NL! She was the March membership draw winner!

A reminder that there are NO late fees to renew your membership with the CSRT. To renew your membership please visit: <http://www.csrt.com/renew-your-membership/>.

### **CoARTE Recruitment**

The Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education (CoARTE) is seeking applications for two volunteers to fill the upcoming vacancies:

- One with the perspective of Respiratory Therapy administration and,
- One with the perspective of another health profession.

Each position is a two-year term, renewable twice. In addition to one face-to-face meeting each April, CoARTE meets via teleconference a minimum of 5-7 times per year. If you possess the following competencies, and are interested in supporting the profession in this capacity, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/?wpdmdl=27456> for more information (roles and responsibilities, application process):

- Comprehends the National Competency Profile/Framework and respiratory therapist scope of practice
- Demonstrates strategic thinking and risk management and how they relate to education
- Understands the roles played by respiratory therapists in a variety of clinical, educational and community settings
- Possesses an understanding of accreditation and how it relates to respiratory therapy education

Please direct questions to Carolyn McCoy, Director of Accreditation and Professional Practice Services ([cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com)).

## **AA Certification Update**

The implementation of a national certification process for Anesthesia Assistants is moving forward. Over the past year, the Interprofessional AA Certification Workgroup established and validated the AA National Competency Framework and developed the exam matrix. We have now established an Interprofessional AA Exam Committee who met on February 24-25 to start developing the national AA Exam questions. The Committee will finalize the development of the AA exam questions at their next meeting on May 26-27, 2017. The first national AA exam will be held on March 26, 2018 and will be offered to new AA program graduates who have completed both didactic and clinical education.

The CSRT will continue to offer the Certified Clinical Anesthesia Assistant (CCAA) professional designation to AAs who have graduated from AA education programs prior to March 2018. The CCAA professional designation is also offered to individuals who have achieved equivalent clinical knowledge and skills (over 5 years) working exclusively in anesthesia and can provide an attestation from their immediate supervisor that they have achieved the competencies outlined in the 2016 National AA Competency Framework.

## **More courses approved for CSRT CE/CPD credits!**

The CSRT is pleased to announce that seven additional courses from Sleepedu.org have been approved for CSRT CE/CPD credits. The new courses which have been approved for credit are:

1. Pulmonary Function testing
2. Introduction to Pulmonary Rehabilitation
3. Introduction to Pulmonary Rehabilitation II – Exercise Intensity and Duration
4. Introduction to Pulmonary Rehabilitation III – The Rehab Process
5. Narcolepsy
6. Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome
7. The Clinical Application of MSLT and MWT

Courses take approximately one hour to complete and cost \$15.99 USD. (Or, you could buy 10 or more courses and save 20%.) To view the entire list of courses that have been approved for CSRT CE/CPD credits, visit [www.sleepedu.org](http://www.sleepedu.org) and click on the “CSRT Courses” tab.

## **Free Webinar!**

The Canadian Institute for Health Information and Choosing Wisely Canada invite you to join in a webinar to discuss the extent of unnecessary care in Canada. This webinar will be presented in English only on April 6 from 9-10:30 Eastern time. Recorded copies of the webinar will be available and will be posted on the CSRT YouTube channel following the webinar. For more information or to register for the webinar, e-mail Alison Clement at [aclement@cihi.ca](mailto:aclement@cihi.ca).

## **New Choosing Wisely Canada Critical Care recommendations**

The CSRT is pleased to have collaborated with the Canadian Critical Care Society, the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses and Choosing Wisely Canada to produce this list of five things in critical care that should be questioned. This list was compiled using the most current evidence about management and treatment options within our areas of expertise: <http://choosingwiselycanada.org/recommendations/critical-care/>.

## **Pediatric Certification Needs Assessment survey**

The CSRT is completing a two-pronged needs assessment to learn whether there is a need for a post-diploma certification in neonatal/pediatric respiratory care. The first step in this process is a national survey. If you are a respiratory therapist who works with neonatal and/or pediatric patients, or are a manager of respiratory therapists who work with neonatal and/or pediatric patients, we need your input!

To participate in this needs assessment, please visit the appropriate link below: Participants will have the option to enter their names to win a \$50 prepaid Visa card.

Managers and Supervisors: <https://form.jotform.ca/70667981629270>

Practitioners: <https://form.jotform.ca/70707548965267>

## **Private Practice Update**

The CSRT has been working to overcome barriers to RTs entering private practice. Last year, the CSRT developed a toolkit for RTs wishing to enter this realm. This year, the CSRT is pleased to present a public awareness session on asthma, COPD, ACOS and the benefits of working with an RT to develop an individualized care plan on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Halifax. We have also begun discussions with some RTs in British Columbia to explore private practice opportunities in that province.

## **Final Reminders**

### **Deadline approaching for FCSRT applications**

The deadline for applications for the FCSRT is **April 30**. 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).

### **Deadline approaching for CCAA applications**

The deadline for applications for the Certified Clinical Anesthesia Assistant (CCAA) designation is **April 30**. The CCAA replaces the AA-CSRT which was launched in May 2014 to recognize CSRT registered and associate members who have completed additional education and clinical training in the field of anesthesia to become an anesthesia assistant, who demonstrate involvement in professional development activities and are committed to maintaining proficiency and professionalism as an anesthesia assistant. CSRT members who have completed an approved anesthesia assistant program or who have can demonstrate that they are able to perform the competencies in the 2016 National Competency Profile for Anesthesia Assistance are eligible for this designation. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/aa-certificate/> or e-mail [cmccoy@csrt.com](mailto:cmccoy@csrt.com).

## **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. For a complete list of corporate members and links to their websites, please visit <http://www.csrt.com/corporate-membership/>.

**A warm welcome to our latest corporate member:**

Sunset Healthcare Solutions





## CSRT On-Line Job Bank Listings

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

Job No.	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
1555	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Moncton, NB	AvantSleep	3/13/2017
1556	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Terrance, BC	AvantSleep	3/15/2017
1557	Anesthesia Assistant	Toronto, ON	Mount Sinai Hospital	3/15/2017
1558	RRT (sleep)	Brandon, MB	VitalAire	3/20/2017
1559	RRT (sleep)	Orillia, ON	VitalAire	3/22/2017
1560	RRT	London, ON	VitalAire	3/22/2017
1561	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Salmon Arm, BC	Independent Respiratory Services	3/29/2017
1551	Registered Respiratory Therapist (Sleep)	Bathurst, NB	VitalAire	3/31/2017
1552	Registered Respiratory Therapist	New Glasgow, NS	VitalAire	3/31/2017
1553	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Joliette, QC	VitalAire	3/31/2017

