

# CSRT Newsletter

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Keeping members current on issues that matter



## **RT Week October 21-27 – Start Planning!**

The focus of RT Week 2018 (October 21-27, 2018) is “Advancing the Profession”. Have you or a colleague done something to take respiratory therapy in a new direction in your organization or region? Have you done something innovative that has changed or could change practice, or do you know someone who has? If so, we invite you to submit an entry in our “Advancing the Profession” contest. All entries will be judged by the CSRT Board of Directors, and the RT who the Board deems best exemplifies finding new or innovative ways to advance the profession will receive a free full conference registration for the 2019 CSRT Annual Education Conference plus \$500 to offset travel and accommodation expenses! The deadline for submissions is **October 1, 2018** and the winner will be announced on CSRT social media during RT week. (Please note that this contest is open to registered and student RTs and that nominees must be members of the CSRT to qualify.) For more information, please visit: <https://www.csrt.com/rt-week/>

**Students**, we haven’t forgotten about you! Tell us how you and your class promoted the profession during RT Week. Your CSRT program representatives will have the details you need organize some RT week activities, or you can visit the CSRT Website <https://www.csrt.com/rt-week/>. Work together with the RT students from your college or university to promote respiratory therapy, compile your activities into a program submission and you could win coffee and doughnuts for your program. Ask your CSRT program rep for details or e-mail [YourStudentVoice@csrt.com](mailto:YourStudentVoice@csrt.com).

## **Nominations for CSRT 2019 Awards**

We invite CSRT members to submit nominations for the 2019 CSRT awards program. CSRT members in good standing are eligible for:

- the **Colya Kaminiarz Professional Achievement Award** (*sponsored by Medtronic*) recognizes RTs who have made a significant contribution to professional practice and/or have influenced others toward high levels of achievement in professional practice;
- the **Robert Merry Award** (*sponsored by Dräger*) recognizes RTs who have made a significant contribution to the practice of RT Education and/or have influenced others toward high levels of achievement in RT education;
- the **VitalAire Respiratory Home Care Award** (*sponsored by VitalAire*) recognizes respiratory therapists who have made significant contributions to the field of respiratory home care services and/or who have influenced others toward high levels of achievement in the field of respiratory home care services.

- the **The Louis Phillip Belle-Isle Scholarship** (sponsored by Roxon) for Graduate Studies was recently established in partnership with Roxon Medi-Tech in honour of a former CSRT Board member, dear friend and colleague Louis Phillip Belle-Isle. If you are a registered member of the CSRT who wishes to apply for this scholarship please visit <https://www.csrt.com/awards/#louisphillip>

**All winners will receive their award at the President's banquet which will take place during the 2019 CSRT Annual Education Conference. The deadline to submit your nomination is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For nomination forms and more information on each of these awards visit <https://www.csrt.com/awards/>**

## **CSRT Annual Education Conference – Save the Date!**



We welcome all RTs near and far to join us for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference taking place in Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 9-11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

We expect this iconic destination to be a draw for many RTs and look forward to providing you with three full days of education, networking, and fun! Visit our conference page regularly for up-to-date information <https://conference.csrt.com/>

## **Call for Presenters – 2019 CSRT Annual Education Conference**

The CSRT invites RRTs, students RTs and their interprofessional colleagues to submit their presentation proposals for the 2019 CSRT Annual Education Conference which will take place in Niagara Falls, ON from May 9-11, 2019. This year's conference will bring back some tried and true activities, but will also bring some new elements, such as 20 minute "mini-presentations". We are looking for evidence-based, innovative ideas that you wish to share with your colleagues from across the continuum of care and across all practice settings. For more information or to submit a presentation proposal, please visit: <https://www.csrt.com/conference/#presenters> . The deadline for proposals is **October 9, 2018**.

## **Conference Accommodation – Book Today!**



The CSRT has negotiated lower rates exclusively for conference delegates at the Sheraton on the Falls hotel during the 2019 Annual Education Conference, taking place in Niagara Falls, ON. The Sheraton on the Falls is located directly across from the Falls (5875 Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON) and is within walking distance to many shops, restaurants, and local attractions. Rates begin as low as \$149/night for Cityview rooms and \$189/night for Fallsview rooms. These rooms will fill up fast so book now to avoid disappointment <https://conference.csrt.com/accommodations>

## **New Membership Portal – Coming Soon...**

The CSRT is pleased to announce a new membership portal will be put in place in early November. Some exciting features include a more user friendly platform for our members, as well as the capability to re-print receipt and update credit card information along with personal information. You will also be able to change and update your username and password without needing to make this request through the CSRT. We look forward to providing more information in the upcoming months!

## **CSRT Student Fall Promo**

In an effort to recruit the future RTs of your profession and increase awareness on the value of being a part of their national professional association, the CSRT runs a student Fall promo annually. The contest runs from August – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Any new student who joins between those dates is entered in a draw to win pre-paid Visa Cards. There will be three draws that will take place on (September 26, October 26, and November 26), the earlier a student joins the more draws they're included in. The final grand prize draw which will include all CSRT student members at the time of the draw (December 13<sup>th</sup>) will be for a trip to the 2019 Annual Education Conference. This trip includes travel, accommodation, and complimentary conference registration!

## **Updates from the Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy (CJRT)**

### **Call for Papers – Emerging Practice**

We invite respiratory therapists, as well as our interprofessional colleagues, to submit research exploring the role new and innovative cardiopulmonary practices play in expanding coverage, improving quality, and containing costs in healthcare. Submissions on the topic of emerging practice may:

- Focus on unique, emerging, and expanding roles of respiratory care practitioners in health care environments
- Demonstrate interventions that are new, innovative, promising, and safe, yet have limited discussion in the literature
- Respond to changing and evolving healthcare needs, including responses to an ageing population, healthcare worker shortages, or advancing models of care such as precision medicine

Submissions are due **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

### **Explore the new CJRT article collection**

Looking for examples of publications related to our call for papers? Look no further! The latest curated article collection features all article collection from the CJRT archives related to the topic of Emerging Practice - check it out today at <https://www.cjrt.ca/emerging-practice/>

### **Check out the CJRT Summer edition!**

<https://www.cjrt.ca/>

## **Sleepedu.org Course**

Sleepedu.org is pleased to offer a new online course for respiratory therapists: *Exercised Induced Bronchospasm*. This course is one of many offered by Sleepedu.org that has been approved for CSRT CE/CPD credits. To view a full list of CSRT-approved courses, please visit: <https://sleepedu.org/crst-courses/>.

## **Two U of T Courses Approved for CSRT CE/CPD Credits**

*The following courses have been approved for CSRT credits:*

***Exercise Training in Pulmonary Rehabilitation: A Practical Approach (40 credits):*** In this 8-week online course, participants will receive practical, skills-based, instruction on exercise testing and training in pulmonary rehabilitation. Learners will administer and interpret the results of various exercise and functional tests, learn about aerobic, resistance, and balance training, as well as prescriptions based on results of exercise tests. This course makes use of online discussions, self-guided practice exercises, case studies, multiple-choice quizzes, and a reflective writing exercise. Additional course resources include online lectures, video demonstrations, selected readings, and more. For more information visit: <http://uoft.me/PRFall2018>

***Functional Assessment: The Six Minute Walk Test for Clinical Researchers and Clinicians (15 credits):*** This fully online course is designed for both researchers and clinicians, and provides a practical, skills-based, online overview of best practices in administering and interpreting the six-minute walk test, a common outcome measure used with many patients, including cardiorespiratory, neurological, and geriatric populations. Participants may complete the course requirements at their own pace and at any time between October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit: <http://uoft.me/6MWTFall2018>

## **Statement on Yardstick Assessment Strategies' Response to the Cancellation of the July 9, 2018 CBRC Examination**

On Monday, July 9th, 2018 the web-based platform used by the Canadian Board for Respiratory Care's (CBRC) third party provider, Yardstick Assessment Strategies (Yardstick), experienced a system failure resulting in cancellation of the examination. Many CSRT members were impacted by this occurrence.

In a recent communication, officials at Yardstick Assessment Strategies (Yardstick) indicated that they will be reimbursing only a portion of the original full examination fee to those who attempted to write the exam on July 9, 2018. That communication indicated that Yardstick "had hoped to refund the entire exam fee, but since the remaining portion of this fee is money that we collect and remit for others, we are not able to refund those amounts" as had been promised in an earlier communication to exam writers.

The CSRT does not administer the national RT credentialing exam. However, it does recognize the emotional and financial hardships that the technical system failure and subsequent exam cancellation and rewrite has created for many of its members. As the national body representing the interests of respiratory therapists, the CSRT has sent a letter to Yardstick indicating that it expects the company to reconsider this decision and fully reimburse candidates. The letter from CSRT CEO, Dr. Andrew West, also indicated that the CSRT believes it is necessary for Yardstick to provide examination writers with a detailed description of the criteria being used to determine the allowance of all reimbursable expenses as a measure to ensure transparency, awareness, and fairness for everyone involved.

The CSRT would like to recognize the staff and volunteers of the CBRC for their diligence in preparing a new exam for writers. Please direct inquiries for further information to [csrt@csrt.com](mailto:csrt@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. We would like to recognize our latest corporate member:



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



### ***Looking to Hire a Respiratory Therapist?***

Have you ever posted a job on the CSRT job bank, or have you ever thought about posting? The CSRT job bank has over 15,000 views on average annually, making it one of your greatest resources to help find the right candidate. With over 4,250 members and an active social media presence reaching thousands across Canada and internationally, you can be certain your posting will be seen. All job postings are promoted in the CSRT monthly e-newsletter as well as on our Facebook and Twitter

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

Job No.	Job Title	Location	Company	Date Posted
1654	RT	Regina, SK	Medigas	2-Aug
1655	Care Leader - Cardio Respiratory	Orillia, ON	Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH)	3-Aug
1656	Respiratory Therapist	Nanaimo, BC	Independent Respiratory Services	7-Aug
1658	Registered Respiratory Therapist	GTA	MedPro Respiratory Care	15-Aug
1659	Provincial Coordinator, Primary Care Asthma Program	GTA and Ontario	The Lung Association - Ontario	20-Aug
1660	Anesthesia Assistant	Ontario	Michael Garron Hospital	21-Aug
1661	Sales Representative	Western Canada	Carestream Medical	27-Aug
1662	Registered Respiratory Therapist	Cranbrook, BC	Kootenay Respiratory	27-Aug
1663	Respiratory Therapist	Slamon Arm, BC	Independent Respiratory Services	27-Aug