

The Ohio Society of Respiratory Care Newsletter



OSRC President’s Message

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Welcome to spring! The days are getting longer, the daffodils and some trees are in bloom, and the grass is getting greener signaling regrowth. As we close out the first quarter of 2023, I would like to take a moment to reflect on my first 3-months serving as President of the OSRC and our continued growth as a profession. It was wonderful to get to meet most of the new Board members face-to-face at our transition meeting in December. We jumped right into strategic planning for the next 3-years by revisiting and updating our mission, vision, and core values.

Mission: The Ohio Society for Respiratory Care is dedicated to the promotion and advancement of the profession and practice of respiratory care in the state of Ohio.

Vision: As a non-profit organization the OSRC supports the profession and profession of respiratory care through advocacy, education, scholarship, innovation, and the promotion of interprofessional collaborative practice.

Core Values: Transparency, collegial partnerships, integrity, safe and effective patient care, excellence, accountability, and innovation

OSRC Goals for 2023-2026

Your Board of Directors developed goals that align with the AARC four pillars: Elevate, advocate, educate, and engage. Strategic action plans include:

1. Expand our media presence and community presence through our OSRC web site and social media.
2. Establish interprofessional rapport and understanding through district level interprofessional education and collaborative practice meetings as well as establishing and growing conversations with other healthcare professional organizations such as, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Pharmacy Association, Ohio Nursing Association, Ohio Association of Medical Equipment Services, and Ohio Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.
3. Establish and maintain regular communication with membership through quarterly newsletters and website.
4. Optimize communication with OSRC members through use of our state affiliate AARC Connect group.
5. Engage members through participation in committees and attendance at Board meetings.
6. Grow membership in the OSRC.
7. Appoint a Medical Director to assist with legislative and judicial committees for support of scope of practice concerns.
8. Support and advocate for Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist licensing legislation in Ohio.
9. Support and advocate for national legislation which enables respiratory care professionals to practice at the top of their scope and provides access to specialized care for our patients and communities.
10. Create a competency tool kit to include skills at the top of the Respiratory Care Professional scope of practice for use by healthcare industry partners.
11. Promote AARC opportunities for continuing respiratory continuing education (CRCE) credits.
12. Create an asynchronous 1-CRCE credit OSRC Ethics education program to include review of Ohio law and rules governing respiratory care professional practice.
13. Provide high quality relevant continuing education through the OSRC Annual Conference and Meeting July, 2023 and OSRC Diagnostic & Sleep Conference in 2024.
14. Grow and promote student scholarship opportunities through the OSRC Foundation.
15. Promote the excellent work of respiratory care professionals and healthcare industry partners through Practitioner of the Year and Center of Excellence awards.
16. Recognize and promote outstanding healthcare industry partners and education programs through OSRC newsletter spotlight column.

Ohio is fortunate to have nearly 8,000 licensed RCPs, many nationally recognized award-winning healthcare organizations, and 21 Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) accredited respiratory care education programs, many of these programs are also nationally recognized for outstanding outcomes. The OSRC is blessed to have many dedicated RCPs serving our patients and communities while working diligently to support and grow our ranks. In order to move forward and achieve our goals we need your active participation and assistance. Please consider serving on one of our committees or running for an open position on the OSRC Board. Plan to attend our annual conference and state meeting in July and bring a colleague, invite your colleagues to join the AARC.

If you have any questions or would like to become more involved, please reach out via our executive office (osrc@pacainc.com) and we will have a member get in touch with you. I look forward to seeing at our next Board meeting in May 6, 2023, 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon and at our Annual Conference and Meeting, July 10-11, 2023 at the Hilton-Easton Town Center, Columbus.

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Call for Nominations for Practitioner of the Year

Once again it is time to consider candidates for the Ohio Society for Respiratory Care (OSRC) Practitioner's of the Year. Every practitioner/ manager/ educator who meets the qualifications, in the State of Ohio is eligible for these awards. We ask you to consider nominating one of your co workers, friends or mentors. We will be accepting nominations in the following categories: Diagnostics (PFT, Lab, Sleep), Home Care, Adult Acute Care, Transport, Long term care/Rehabilitation, Management, Neonatal/ Pediatrics & Educations (Hospital or academic).

All Nominees will receive a recognition certificate and reduced registration to this year's state meeting should they chose to attend. This year's state meeting is July 10-11, 2023. This is an annual award that is presented at the state meeting, to a therapist who has exemplified leadership, performance, initiative and professionalism in their own discipline of Respiratory Care to his/ her institution and the community at large.

If you have questions, please contact me at tmglade@gmail.com. To submit nominations please email them to tmglade@gmail.com by deadline or submit them online at <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/UZ2zc6kXGy>

Deadline to submit nominations is May 13, 2023.

Respiratory Care Board Nominations Needed

The following positions are in need of nominees by March 31, 2023: President, Vice President and Junior District Directors for the following districts: Central, Eastern, Northeastern, Northwestern, Southern and Western. Additional information about each role has been posted on the OSRC Website, nominations can be submitted to—balaskk@ccf.org . All nominations are needed by or before March 31, 2023.

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Expands

Columbus is excited to welcome a \$1.79 billion tower, which is the largest single facilities project ever undertaken at Ohio State. It is slated to open early 2026. It will have 820 beds and be a 26 story, 24 floor hospital to serve our community. Ohio State is taking a major step forward with the development of a new hospital that, combined with modern educational space, will enhance a unified Ohio State Wexner Medical Center campus providing leading-edge research, outstanding clinical training and world-class patient care.



Nominate your 2023 Practitioner of the Year



For more information check out our web-site

[Ohio Society for Respiratory Care – Breathe Easy Ohio \(osrc.org\)](https://www.osrc.org)

2023 AARC Apex Recognition Award Recipient Right in our back yard



The Ohio State University Respiratory Therapy program in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences has been recognized by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), as a recipient of the 2023-2024 Apex Recognition Award. Ohio State joins an elite group of respiratory care educational programs from across the U.S. who have met the stringent quality, clinical practice or educational program criteria of the award. Only 11 out of 423 educational programs in the country meet the criteria to earn this prestigious honor this year.

AARC Membership Update

There are many benefits to be an AARC Member, yet why do many in Ohio abstain from taking advantage of these benefits? Including discount group memberships, free and reduced CEUs. Below is a summary of Ohio's current membership statistics.

- Total Professional RTs in Ohio: 8837 (as of 2/6/23)
- AARC active memberships – about 20% of the licensed RTs in Ohio are AARC members.

AARC is promoting a Student Membership Campaign with even more benefits. The AARC reduced the cost of the student membership to \$25 and added access to the Exam Prep Videos (digital membership); student must register prior to graduation to receive the discounted membership prices.

Membership Annual Pricing

- Digital Only- \$96.00
- Senior - \$25.00
- Student - \$25.00

Membership Renewal link www.aarc.org/aarc-membership/member-services/join-renew

The Apex Recognition Award distinguishes programs for their commitment to excellence in professional development and the education of respiratory therapists to deliver the highest quality care and elevate the respiratory therapy profession.

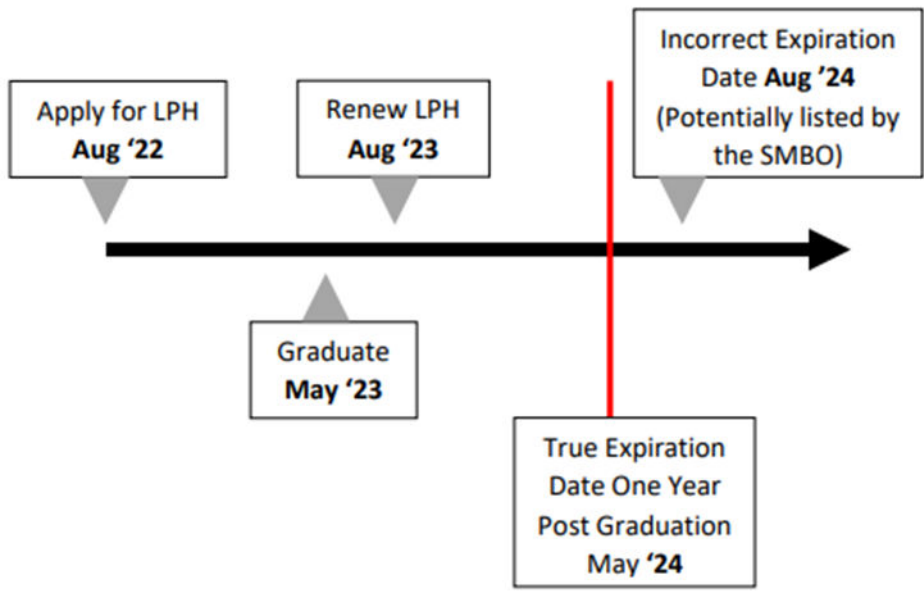
The Ohio State Respiratory Therapy program was established in 1971 with the mission to prepare advanced-level therapists who can provide leadership for the ongoing development of the profession. The program has been highly successful, awarding baccalaureate degrees for over 50 years and is nationally recognized for excellence. The Respiratory Therapy baccalaureate program has continued accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) and has received its 2022 President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success and its Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award for the past eight years in a row.



What Does the AARC Do For Me?

Myths	Facts
The AARC does not provide members with affordable, accessible continuing education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20+ free live webcasts/year 20+ free on-demand courses/year AARC University available 24/7 Listing of state affiliate meetings online
The AARC makes it too hard to earn and maintain my credentials and licensure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NBRC administers credentials State licensing board administers licenses AARC reference website for license agencies AARC transcript for CRCE earned CRCE import to NBRC database for credential renewal
It doesn't matter if I'm a member. My voice isn't heard at the AARC anyway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active members can vote in AARC elections State leadership/House of Delegates represent the member to the AARC Board of Directors Member feedback on issue papers
The AARC does nothing to promote the profession or help our patient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AARC advocacy agenda available online Annual virtual lobby week/PACT lobbying State affiliates actively involved in state legislative activities Clinical Practice Guidelines RVUs & time standards for safe practice Annual patient advocacy meeting Support for state licensing efforts AARC partnerships with other organizations
The AARC does not provide opportunities to network with other respiratory therapists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AARCConnect available 24/7 AARC specialty sections and networking Live meetings like AARC Congress and Summer Forum offers networking State affiliate events and meeting
AARC membership is just too expensive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base membership is \$108.50/year (\$0.30 a day) Early professional member discounts Discount group memberships available

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Limited permit and licensing timeline

OSRC Licensing Update

Limited Permit Holder License Expiration Are you a student or recent graduate? Are you an educator? Do you manage student employees? As of October 2021, limited permits expire one year from date of issuance. Another constraint to these special licenses: respiratory therapists may only work under a limited permit up to one year from the date of graduation. Depending on when the application is submitted, the expiration date listed on the SMBO License lookup website may be incorrect. Care must be taken to ensure LPHs are working with an active license, meaning it has been less than one year following graduation.

Example Timeline: “Sam” is excited to start earning money while still in school to become a Respiratory Therapist. He applied as a limited permit holder (LPH) in August 2022 and enters into the workforce. He graduates in May 2023 and continues to work under his limited license. Time gets away from him and his manager does not require him to earn his RRT to remain employed. He renews his limited permit in August 2023 and continues to work. When does his limited permit expire?

Although you can apply for and renew an LPH in one-year intervals, the Ohio Revised Code makes a stipulation that you cannot continue to work under a limited permit one year past your graduation date. Therefore, Sam’s LPH expires in May 2024.

Columbus State Community College Paves the Path Forward Respiratory Cohort Success

The first sponsored part-time cohort will be graduating this May. These students are employees of Nationwide Children's hospital and will be transitioning to full-time positions at NCH upon graduation. In addition, all students from the 2022 cohort successfully completed their board exams on their first attempt and are now RRTs.

OhioHealth is expanding

New Albany Medical Camps is now open, complete with urgent care, an athletic performance clinic, onsite retail pharmacy and more. Additionally, OhioHealth Welcomes Van Wert Hospital, Guernsey County Hospital and Southeastern Medical Center in Cambridge to the OhioHealth network. *Coming late 2023*, OhioHealth Pickerington Methodist Hospital will bring new life-extending and life-saving capabilities to the community with a \$140 million investment that will expand the current campus, including, Cancer Care (Infusion), Women’s Health, Trauma (Level III), Heart and Vascular (Diagnostic and Interventional Cath Labs), Acute Stroke Program, General Medicine, General Surgery and more. Making 60 total beds (includes dedicated ICU, medical surgical beds and post-partum beds), 6 operating rooms, 2 C-section operating rooms. Finally, OhioHealth Announces Transformation of OhioHealth Grant Medical Center! Grant will increase by about 310,000 square feet (Ambulatory facility and parking garage will be approximately 40,000 square feet of medical office building space and a five-story parking garage; Emergency department/critical care pavilion will be approximately 270,000 square feet with underground parking). Construction will begin in mid-2023 and is expected to be completed in mid-2028



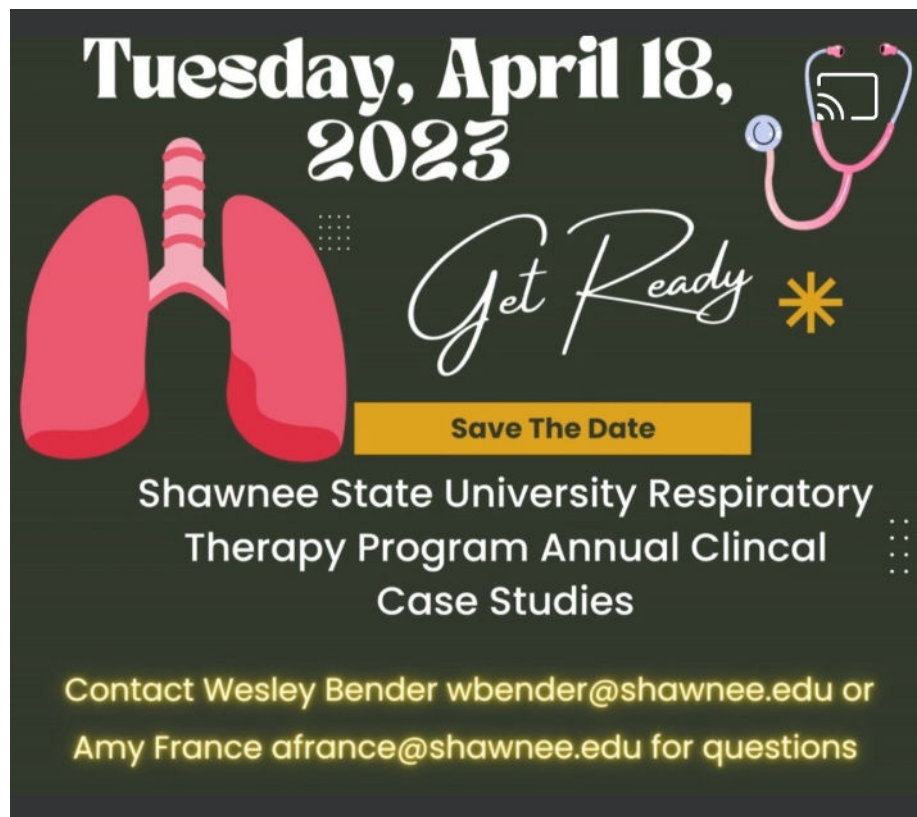
Current Concepts in Respiratory Care 2023

The Exchange at Bridge Park

Day 1: Conference
April 18th, 2023,
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Day 2: Leadership or Clinical
April 19th, 2023
7:30am - 12:30am

The Ohio State University
The Division of Respiratory Therapy



Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Get Ready *

Save The Date

Shawnee State University Respiratory
Therapy Program Annual Clinical
Case Studies

Contact Wesley Bender wbender@shawnee.edu or
Amy France afrance@shawnee.edu for questions

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

The OSRC Legislative Committee will be asking all Respiratory Therapists to contact members of the House Health Provider Services Committee and to contact your Representatives to emphasize the importance of HB 102 to meeting the healthcare needs of patients with cardio-pulmonary disease in Ohio. From <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/> [[legislature.ohio.gov](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/)] (or scan the QR code) you can enter your address and/or zip code to find who represents you, and you can use the Quick Links on the left to find House Health Provider Services Committee members. We will also be encouraging you to encourage students, graduates, staff, patients, family and friends to also send emails and make phone calls to support the APRT licensure bill. Stay tuned for more important updates on APRT licensure from the OSRC!

APRT Update

Update on Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist (APRT) Licensing

On behalf of the OSRC Legislative Committee

Since 2019, the OSRC Legislative Committee and OSRC Lobbyist David Corey have been working diligently toward establishing licensure for the Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist in Ohio. Following three interested party meetings in 2020, feedback from stakeholders was used to edit the proposed licensure language to all an introduced bill to move forward without significant opposition. After drafting by the Legislative Services Commission, Representative Tom Young and Representative Marilyn John introduced House Bill 714 on August 31, 2022. Unfortunately, HB 714 was not scheduled for committee hearings in 2022, and the legislative session ended on December 31, 2022. The 135th General Assembly began in January 2023, and both Representative Young and Representative John committed to reintroducing the APRT licensing bill. On March 14, 2023, HB 102 "License Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapists" was introduced, and on March 22, 2023 it was assigned to the House Health Provider Services Committee (<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb102> [[legislature.ohio.gov](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/)]).



Legislature.ohio.gov

GREAT STRIDES

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COLUMBUS GREAT STRIDES

April 30, 2023 | Location: Huntington Park, Columbus, OH [Map](#)

Check-in: 11:00 AM | Walk: 12:30 PM | Distance: 3.1 Miles [Print Walk Details](#)

Please go to their website for more information or contact your [local chapter](#)

The Ohio Society for Respiratory Care (OSRC) is a 1800-member non-profit professional association that is a chartered affiliate of the 47,000 member American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). We are here to advise and promote the education, licensure, safety and quality of Respiratory Care services, issues and diseases.



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