

The Ohio Society of Respiratory Care Newsletter



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Message from the OSRC President

Nancy E. Colletti, PhD, RRT, CPFT, RCP

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 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

Happy summer! I hope you are getting out to enjoy the wonderful weather. As we approach the end of the second quarter of 2023, I would like to provide you with an update on our progress towards our meeting our Society's goals.

Expand our media and community presence

We are off to a great start with our second quarterly newsletter. Our plans are for quarterly newsletters hosted by each of our OSRC Districts highlighting educational programs as well as industry and community partners serving to meet the needs of patients and families throughout Ohio. If you would like to contribute to our next newsletter, please share your articles and the great work you are doing in your communities with your district director. If you need help finding your OSRC district director visit our OSRC Board of Directors web page.

Many thanks to Wesley Bender, Chair of our Communications Committee, and his team (Brittany Conley, Sherry Babic, Erin Isaac, Amanda Sharp, and Jerry O’Ryan) for stepping up the messaging to the OSRC membership through Facebook, LinkedIn, and AARC Connect OSRC Community. Let’s keep the momentum going by liking and sharing posts on Facebook and LinkedIn. Please visit the AARC Connect OSRC Community post information, share your thoughts and ideas, recent research evidence, and ask questions.



Registration for the Conference
<https://ohiosocietyrespiratorycare.wufoo.com/.../sqrya4.../>

11 CRCEs have been applied for from the AARC

Message from the OSRC President (continued)

State Advocacy

Our active Legislative Committee, under the leadership of Courtney Kallergis, have been making great strides towards establishing a new licensed Advance Practice Respiratory Therapist in Ohio. HB 102 License Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist was introduced by Reps. T. Young and M. John sent to the House Health Services Provider committee. If you would like to read and track the bill it is available online through the House Bill 102 link. The committee heard sponsor testimony May 23 and proponent testimony June 6. Proponent testimony was given by Dr. Karen McCoy a pediatric pulmonary specialist at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Dr. Emily Amin, a pulmonary and critical care specialist from the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, and three OSRC members (Nancy Colletti, Courtney Kallergis, and Sarah Varekojjs). You may view a recording of proponent testimony on [The Ohio Channel](#). We are currently waiting for a third hearing to be scheduled in which the committee will hear opponent and interested party testimony. Please reach out to your state house representative and encourage them to support HB 102. If you need to find the contact information for your state house representative visit the [Ohio Legislature 135th Assembly webpage](#).

Expand Membership & Member engagement

Your Board of Directors are working hard to expand membership and are looking for engagement from our members. Please join us for our quarterly board meetings. The next board meeting will be July 9, 2023 at 7:00PM at Hilton Easton Town Center, Columbus. This is the evening before our Annual State Meeting and Conference on July 10-11, 2023. We would like to see and hear from our membership to ensure we are meeting your needs. We are looking for members to serve on our membership committee to develop and implement new member recruitment and social activities. We are also looking for members to serve on our Diagnostics and Sleep committees.

Our Program Planning Committee led by Chair, Joe Huff has put together an excellent agenda with nationally recognized speakers. We look forward to seeing you there.

- Engage members through participation in committees and attendance at Board meetings.
- Grow membership in the OSRC.
- Appoint a Medical Director to assist with legislative and judicial committees for support of scope of practice concerns.
- Support and advocate for Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist licensing legislation in Ohio.
- 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.
- 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.
- Promote AARC opportunities for continuing respiratory continuing education (CRCE) credits.
- Create an asynchronous 1-CRCE credit OSRC Ethics education program to include review of Ohio law and rules governing respiratory care professional practice.
- Provide high quality relevant continuing education through the OSRC Annual Conference and Meeting July, 2023 and OSRC Diagnostic & Sleep Conference in 2024.
- Grow and promote student scholarship opportunities through the OSRC Foundation.
- Promote the excellent work of respiratory care professionals and healthcare industry partners through Practitioner of the Year and Center of Excellence awards.
- 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 on July 9, 2023, and at our Annual Conference and Meeting, July 10-11, 2023 at the Hilton-Easton Town Center, Columbus.

Legislative Updates

Courtney Kallergis, OSRC Legislative Chair

APRT Bill

HB 102: "License Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapists" was introduced to the Ohio House by our sponsors, Representatives Tom Young and Marilyn John on March 14, 2023. The bill has been assigned to the House Health Provider Services Committee. Sponsor testimony was provided on May 2, and proponent testimony was provided on June 6.

The APRT is a new professional, an advanced practice provider who will work for pulmonologists, intensivists, anesthesiologists, and sleep specialists (pediatric and adult) to manage patients with cardiopulmonary conditions. These physician groups nationally identified a need for an advanced practice provider with cardiopulmonary expertise.

Your OSRC leadership is actively engaged in these efforts. Attend the OSRC Annual State Meeting to hear more!

Consider joining the legislative committee: send an email to osrc@pacainc.com to be added to our monthly meetings.

RCAC Update

The Respiratory Care Advisory Council welcomed a new member this month: Luther (Luke) Rice joins the council from Holzer Health System. Sanja Keller has been reappointed to the council for an additional term.

Current Council Members:

Richard Gregg, MD: Kettering Health Network
Cindy Groeniger: American Lung Association
Harish Kakarala, MD: State Medical Board of Ohio Representative, Pulmonary Intensivist from the Akron area
Matthew Monroe, MHA, RRT, RCP, CTTs: The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Amy Rodenhause, M.Ed, RRT: Kent State University
Luther Rice, MBA, RRT: Holzer Health System
Sanja Keller, MS, RRT: Sinclair Community College

Since the consolidation of the Respiratory Care Board into the State Medical Board of Ohio in 2018, the RCAC has advised the SMBO on matters of Respiratory Care. Read more about the RCAC in [Section 4761.032](#) of the Ohio Revised Code.



State Medical Board of
Ohio

The State Medical Board of Ohio is launching a new [web-site](#) at the end of June, look forward to an easy to navigate system. The URL will remain the same: med.ohio.gov.



AARC PACT Update

Political Action Contact Team volunteers, including several from Ohio, will meet with members of the US Congress and their aides on September 26-27. We are awaiting official announcement about topics, but they will likely include telehealth Medicare and Medicaid coverage that expired at the end of the pandemic.

Advocacy efforts continue year-round through the AARC

Workforce Development Updates

Workforce Survey: The OSRC plans to repeat the Workforce Survey later this year to evaluate the state of Respiratory Care in Ohio as the direct effects of the COVID-19 pandemic subside. Respiratory managers will be contacted via email with further information in the coming months.

Recruitment and Retention Series: The R&R series last year was very well attended and hosted varied speakers/topics. If you have an interest in helping lead another round of sessions, please email osrc@pacainc.com. Needs include: suggested topics, presenters, and a coordinator.

Recruitment Success Stories: Does your workplace, hospital, or education system have a 'recruitment success story' to share? The OSRC welcomes you to send photos and a description of your events to osrc@pacainc.com. Share your successes to help Ohio continue to strengthen our RT workforce in the coming years!

Continuing Education Opportunities



A MEETING FOR RESPIRATORY MANAGERS & EDUCATORS

SUMMER FORUM

JULY 15-17, 2023
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
Use Your State Promo Code at Checkout

OH50FF

Neonatal Cardiac S.T.A.B.L.E. Module

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Cardiac Module provides general guidelines for the assessment and stabilization of neonates with suspected congenital heart disease (CHD). This program will provide the newest Cardiac S.T.A.B.L.E. Module Manual, CNE, breakfast refreshments and boxed lunch. Target Audience will be neonatal/pediatric respiratory therapists, nurses, and advanced providers.

DATE: 9/7/2023
0900-1400

LOCATION: CONSIDINE AUDITORIUM

SPEAKER: HOWARD STEIN, MD,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR, NICU,
PROMEDICA EBEID CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL, TOLEDO, OHIO

SAVE the DATE!
Pricing and Registration information to follow soon.



CURRENT TRENDS RESPIRATORY CONFERENCE

**REGISTER TODAY
9-15-23
GREAT AMERICAN
BALL PARK
VIRTUAL & IN PERSON**

SCAN TO REGISTER



Cincinnati Children's
changing the outcome together

<https://event.me/Mz9q8L>

Continuing Education Opportunities

Free CRCE Opportunity



Every Other Tuesday from 1400-1430 EST

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| 1/10/23 | 4/4/23 | 6/27/23 | 9/19/23 | 12/12/23 |
| 1/24/23 | 4/18/23 | 7/11/23 | 10/3/23 | 12/26/23 |
| 2/7/23 | 5/2/23 | 7/25/23 | 10/17/23 | |
| 2/21/23 | 5/16/23 | 8/8/23 | 10/31/23 | |
| 3/7/23 | 5/30/23 | 8/22/23 | 11/14/23 | |
| 3/21/23 | 6/13/23 | 9/5/23 | 11/28/23 | |

Join via WebEx link or QR code below :

<https://cmrccf.webex.com/cmrcf/j.php?MTID=mb1f4ac2df75809759bd0f5471af968ad>



CRCE Approved!

SEVA VentRounds is approved for 1.0 contact hour Continuing Respiratory Care Education (CRCE) credit by the American Association of Respiratory Care, 9425 N. MacArthur Blvd. Suite 100, Irving TX 75063.

District Directors



What is a district director?

District Directors are Members of the OSRC Board of Directors. They are elected by OSRC members for a term of two years.

Responsibilities include:

- Expand membership
- Represent district to the board of Directors.
- Senior district director is responsible to submit a report to the board of directors at each meeting on district activity
- Complete those charges assigned by the President and Board of Directors
- Assists with promotion and execution of events or educational activities in the district
- Promote the AARC/OSRC through all activities done within the district

Northeastern District Directors



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Eastern District Directors



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Northeast District News

Healthcare growth in the Northeast District

Cleveland Clinic Neurologic Institute building expected to open 2026

Highlights:

- \$1.3 billion capital investment
- 1 million square foot Neurological Institute building
- A comprehensive array of services and advanced technology will include: Digitized patient evaluations, Imaging, Neuro simulation training, Infusion therapy, Neurodiagnostics, and Brain mapping suites
- In addition, the building will feature research space dedicated to investigating new therapies.
- Adding more than 7,500 direct jobs and another 2,000 indirect jobs



UH Ahuja Medical Center celebrated the grand opening of its Phase 2 expansion with a program and tours for lead project donors on Friday, June 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. and for the community on Saturday, June 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. The new, expanded Emergency Department opened June 5 and additional services are expected to open June 27.



Highlights:

- \$236 million expansion
- Creating more than 500 new jobs
- Expansion almost doubles medical center's footprint
- 222,000 sq. ft. three-story South Pavilion
- 76,200 sq. ft. UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute
- 6 sports rehab exam rooms & 10 treatment stations
- 16 sports clinic rooms
- 45-yard sports performance football training field
- 9 labor/delivery rooms and 12 Special Care Neonatal rooms
- 8 new ORs bringing the total number of OR suites to 18
- New emergency department: 43 ED beds [36 treatment rooms, 5 fast track rooms, and 2 trauma bays]
- 5 new mammography units
- UH Cutler Center for Men includes "Joe Team" concierge services
- 23-bed short-stay unit

Mentor Hospital opens to patients on July 11. The new facility will expand Cleveland Clinic's services and care to the residents of Lake and Geauga counties.



The facility will feature:

- 34 inpatient beds.
- 19 emergency department beds.
- 23 outpatient rooms.
- 4 operating rooms.
- 12 perioperative care unit beds.

Mentor Hospital will provide observation, medical surgical inpatient care, as well as outpatient and a full-service emergency department. Service lines will include bariatric surgery, cardiology, general and colorectal surgery, vascular surgery, urology, pulmonary medicine, orthopaedics and sports medicine, lab and imaging services.

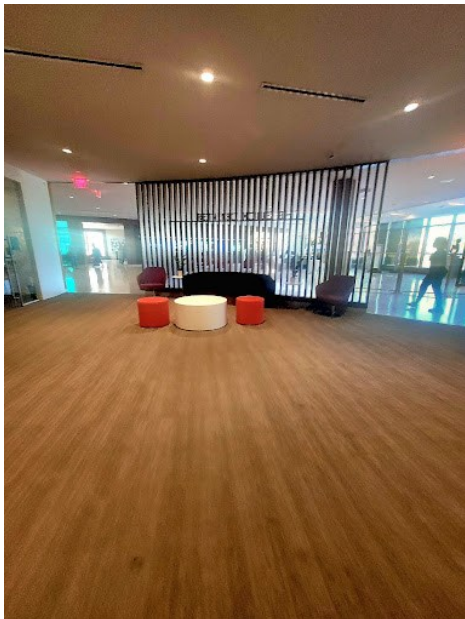


MetroHealth Glick Center Now Open

Construction: April 2019 to October 2022

Highlights:

- New state-of-the-art Main Campus hospital
- 11 floors and 316 patient rooms
- Situated in the first EcoDistrict anchored by a healthcare system in the nation
- Nationally awarded for environmental sustainability (Practice Greenhealth)
- Named in honor of JoAnn and Bob Glick
- Private rooms, bathrooms with showers
- Sleeper for visitors
- Digital whiteboards with updated care plans
- The Family Resource Center
- Nurture Gift Shop
- Nemat K. Boutros Meditation Room



Northeast District News

Northeast District Networking Event



**Please join us for a Networking Event at Top Golf on October 4th 6p-8p
5820 Rockside Woods Blvd. N, Independence, OH**

Come and meet with your peers to discuss current issues in respiratory therapy in a fun, relaxed environment.

Tickets will include:

- Games
- Food
- 2 Drink Tickets

There will also be raffle prizes and great company. Registration information will be sent out closer to the event.

Summa Health Smart Start Program:

- Summa offers select Stark State College students an opportunity to earn a degree with half of their school tuition paid or \$2,000/semester in living expenses.
- Current Summa Smart Start program college affiliation is Stark State College
- Smart Start program participants are then linked to a job at Summa Health after graduation.
- For more information, please contact Angela Smith at 234.312.5263 or smartstart@summahealth.org

Summa Health News! Juve Family Behavioral Health Pavilion

- Grand Opening January 2023 with 64 private room inpatient beds to enhance our ability to take care of the whole person.
- Offering high quality, comforting experience for patients and staff with many outstanding services including:
 - Partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs
 - Traumatic Stress Center
 - Traditional outpatient psychiatry and psychology services
 - Inpatient care

Summa Health Williams Tower

- State-of-the-art., 343,000 square feet and seven stories high, the new patient tower is the new front door to Summa Health- Akron Campus.
- Provides 108 private inpatient rooms
- Creating 100 new jobs

Summa Health Respiratory Care

- Open positions for full-time RRTs
- Competitive sign-on bonuses, wages and benefit packages
- Summa Health Akron and Barberton Campuses received the Healthgrades 2023 America's 100 Best Hospitals Award™

Akron Children's hospital is having a Cardiac S.T.A.B.L.E Module conference this year (different then S.T.A.B.L.E Program). It is going to be held on September 7th from 9-2. Flyer attached.

Aultman Hospital:

Aultman offers select Stark State College students an opportunity to earn a degree in Respiratory Care with a significant amount of the tuition paid by the hospital.

First year Stark State College Students are hired as part time RT techs. When they are eligible to obtain their L1 permit-they are moved into a student position.

Aultman Hospital will pay 100% of the tuition and offer a full time position upon graduation.

For more information, please contact Jerrod Plotts at jerrod.plotts@aultman.com



AARC Delegate Report

Chris Schwanberger

Joe Huff



AARC Report to Delegates

Sputum Bowl will take place at the AARC Congress in Nashville.

AARC continues to invest in the “MORE RTs” campaign.

Government Affairs

Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act of 2021

This bill allows the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to accredited education programs to increase diversity in the physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, audiology, and speech-language pathology professions. Grants may be used to provide scholarships or to support recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented groups.

- The Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act is now Law signed by President Biden including into the final omnibus spending bill of the 117th Congress
- Celebrate our success and share this information with RTs in your state

Thank you to all who have worked long and hard to get this important piece of legislation through Congress in support of our profession.

Government Affairs Committee

The GA Committee meets monthly with a focus on:

- Strengthening our advocacy activities at the affiliate “grass roots” level
- Affiliate PACT Survey to celebrate successes and share best practices
- Developing an Affiliate Advocacy Toolkit
- Preparing for AARC Day on Capitol Hill 2023
- Additional advocacy webinars like the recent “What to expect from the 118th Congress”
- Expanding committee membership so we can provide more support to affiliate advocacy efforts

If you are interested in serving on the GA Committee, please contact me on AARC CONNECT or at: mmadi27789@aol.com



**Access to
Tools, Resources,
and Educational
Opportunities**

**Become
a Member
Today!**

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