

UPDATE

The NSRC website has gone through an update! Take a look at <https://nsrc-online.org/>. The website has the latest news and event information. If you are interested in becoming a member of the NSRC Board, there is a list of Board responsibilities. Become more engaged in your profession and partake in networking just by joining the board! Open positions will be announced soon via email and will be due back by January. Contact Dave Patterson if depai@cox.net if any questions/interested! Also, follow us on social media (Links on the website) to keep in touch!

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NSRC 40th Anniversary Conference=Success!

May 2-3, 2019 marked NSRC's 40th Anniversary Conference at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. We had 113 registered attendees with 28 vendors. The two days were filled with great networking, speakers, and vendors. AARC President Karen Schell started us off on day 1 with AARC updates and her "why". Other speakers shared a variety of information including how to manage those times of burnout. Thursday evening

was the social event which including a late night tournament of Corn Hole, Bon Fire, and more. We want to thank Travis Kirschner, past VP on putting together a wonderful conference for our 40th anniversary and also the speakers and vendors who help make the conference what it is!

CEU Information

Certificates for the 2019 Great Plains Respiratory Care Conference on May 2nd and 3rd are provided

once individuals completed the conference evaluations sent via email on May 20th to those who registered online and signed in at the conference. Please complete the evaluation and then print the CEU Certificate prior to closing the browser. If you close the browser before printing you will need to complete the evaluation again to access the certificate. For additional information please contact isand@southeast.edu.

2019 Respiratory Therapists of the Year

Every year there are Respiratory Therapists across Nebraska nominated and voted on by their peers to win the Respiratory Therapist of the Year award. Reading through the nominations, we have many great RT Professionals throughout our state. We hear of those that go above and beyond, are engaged in their profession, and are patient focused. Congratulations to this year's RT of the Year winners.

There was an accidental omission for the Omaha Area winner. Congratulations to Traci Puls for winning the Omaha Area RT of the Year 2019

Lauri Benson-Lincoln Area

Lauri is the pediatric day shift lead at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals-Lincoln Campus. Lauri sets a perfect example of Madonna's Core Values every day. Lauri goes above and beyond and is a huge advocate for Madonna's patients and families.

Kristin Narjes-Out State Area

Kristin is the Director of integrate fun Cardiopulmonary Services at Sidney Regional Medical Center. She champions compassion, kindness and selflessness as a therapist. Kristin takes on the intense challenges and hectic

demands that come with being in a rural hospital setting. Kristin is unflinching in her quest as a leader and encouraging and supporting to all.

Traci Puls-Omaha Area

Traci is a Respiratory Therapist at Providence Medical Center in Wayne. Traci puts her patients first and displays wonderful teamwork. She is always finding new ways to integrate "fun" into her therapy with the rehab patients.





CEU Opportunities

- <https://www.passy-muir.com/ceu>
- <https://kohlsrx.com/events/ceu-2019/>
- <https://www.aarc.org/education/live-courses/aarc-meetings/aarc-congress-2019/>
- <http://www.aarc.org/upcoming-programs/>

Opportunities

The NSRC is looking for those that would be willing to present at the 2020 NSRC Conference. Please contact Andy Marking at amarking@nebraskamed.com for more information.



Important Website Links

- <https://nsrc-online.org>
- <https://www.nbrc.org/>
- <http://www.aarc.org/>
- <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Respiratory-Care.aspx>



New Newsletter

Look for the NSRC Newsletter twice a year for updated information! If you have any ideas or want to submit something to the news letter, please email us through the website at:

<https://nsrc-online.org/about/contacts/>

Licensure

June of 2020 is our next license renewal date. Don't forget about those CEU's! The AARC has numerous free CEU opportunities to those that are members. As you are doing CEU's for your licensure, be sure to update your CEU list on the NBRC website for your credentials!



Respiratory Care Week

Oct 20th-Oct 26th is the week we celebrate our profession. The AARC has a tool kit available to help you plan, market, and support why we do what we do.

<https://www.aarc.org/resources/programs-projects/respiratory-care-week/>



The Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care's mission is to promote the advancement of the Respiratory Care profession through patient advocacy, collaboration, and education throughout the state of Nebraska.

WHAT DOES THE DO FOR ME?

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FACT

The AARC does not provide members with affordable, accessible continuing education.



- 20+ free live webcasts/year
- 20+ free on-demand courses/year
- AARC University available 24/7

The AARC makes it too hard to earn and maintain my credentials and licensure.



- NBRC administers credentials
- State licensing board administers licenses
- AARC has quick reference webpage

It doesn't matter if I'm a member. My voice isn't heard at the AARC anyway.



- Active members can vote in AARC elections
- State leadership/House of Delegates represent the member

The AARC does nothing to promote the profession or help our patients.



- AARC advocacy agenda available online
- Annual virtual lobby week for members
- State affiliates are actively involved in state legislative activities

The AARC does not provide opportunities to connect with other respiratory therapists.



- AARConnect available 24/7
- AARC specialty sections for targeted networking
- Live meetings like AARC Congress and Summer Forum offer networking
- State affiliate events and meeting

AARC membership is just too expensive.



- Base membership is \$89/year (\$0.24/day)
- Early professional member discounts
- Discount group memberships available

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