

Nebraska Society of Respiratory Care-NSRC

State Affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care-AARC



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The graphic is a promotional image for the Nebraska State Respiratory Care Conference 2020. It features a red background with white text. At the top, it says "NEBRASKA STATE RESPIRATORY CARE CONFERENCE 2020". In the center, there's a white oval containing the text "SAVE the DATE". To the right, there's a large, stylized "Join Us!" in white, with "APRIL 22-24, 2020" below it. At the bottom, it says "Kearney, Nebraska • Holiday Inn". There are also two stylized human head profiles on either side of the text.

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We are excited to announce that the 2020 NSRC Conference will be back in Kearney, NE. The conference will be held on April 22nd-April 24th at the newly renovated Holiday Inn. Our Keynote Speaker this year will be Garry Kauffman. Gary has many accomplishments throughout the time he has been a respiratory therapist.



Garry owns and operates his own consulting firm, Kauffman Consulting; LLC helping respiratory therapy leaders improve their services and health systems. He will be presenting twice for us at the conference. His Keynote will be "Creating Value Proposition for You and Your Department".



Registration information will be coming to you soon! Make sure you pay attention as you are registering since its 3 days this year. Want to ensure you get registered for what you are wanting to! Last year we realized that many of the emails that were sent out, hit people's junk mail. There were changes this past year on how email notifications go out. Make sure you have all emails from AARC and AARC Connect marked as safe within your email to ensure you are getting the communication being sent out. You will see some nice touches to the conference this year and hope that you can take advantage of them!



The NSRC Board Ballot is out and voting is now LIVE! Ensure that you are taking this opportunity to read about the great nominees and do your voting! Voting goes until March 21st.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/W26YBL2



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Join in the January Campaign!

We want to encourage respiratory therapists from across the State of Nebraska to get involved.



One way to do this is by becoming a member of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). What does the AARC membership DO for YOU? It will help you become a better respiratory therapist. There are many membership benefits and services offered that can be accessed to support you throughout your career. The AARC career services offers you job listings to interview advice. There are webcasts, a CRCE lookup system, and AARC University that offer quality continuing respiratory care education so you can provide the best care possible. In addition, you will receive the latest respiratory care news and information which promotes professional development and networking with other colleagues and peers. Get involved by becoming a contributing member of the AARC at the state and national levels. If you join as a new member in January, your name will be entered into the drawing for a \$100.00 Amazon gift card.

Our goal is to increase our membership numbers by 10%. Contact any Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care Board member with your questions. Thank you,

Lil O'Neill
NSRC President

License Renewal!

We just wanted to remind you that renewal for Respiratory Care licenses occurs this year with the expiration date of June 1, 2020. Irene from DHHS wanted us to remind you that if your mailing address has changed to please call (402) 471-2299 to update over the phone so that we can make sure you get your renewal notices to their current mailing address.

With License Renewal means ensuring you have all your CEUs! Visit <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Respiratory-Care.aspx> to review specific needs. CEU opportunities attached below. At any time, any one of us could be audited. Ensure you are keeping a file/folder of all your CEU activity year after year incase this happens. It's much easier to gather when it's all together instead of trying to figure it all out in a quick timeline.

Recruit for our Profession!

We have asked and the AARC has delivered! We NEED more RT's to join us and we need YOU to help! Know of a high school putting on a career fair? Use this tool to help you out! Have a FB Page or Twitter? Paste this website on there! We need more great people to join in our profession to push it into the future!

The "Be An RT" website is here! The AARC has delivered a fantastic product. Check out the AARC's new recruitment initiative, Be an RT!

Be an RT provides the opportunity to learn about the respiratory therapy profession from actual respiratory therapists and their authentic stories. The website contains great information about how to explore the profession, contact educational programs, and decide if the profession is a good fit for them. It also contains materials **JUST FOR US** (AARC Education Section members) in the Educators area of the website. The AARC is dedicated to updating and adding content on a regular basis to keep this a robust, relevant resource.

Check it out at <https://be-an-rt.org>. Also please follow (and promote!) the new Be an RT Twitter account [@be_an_rt](#).

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NSRC-2019 AARC Summit Award Winner!

Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care Wins National Recognition

November 10, 2019 – The AARC is pleased to announce that the Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care was awarded the 2019 Summit Award during the Annual Business Meeting held at AARC Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana on Nov. 10, 2019.

Each year, the AARC's House of Delegates recognizes one affiliate for their efforts, achievements and contributions toward the promotion of the respiratory care field and in furthering the level the professionalism for respiratory care and the respiratory therapist.

The House of Delegates is comprised of elected representatives from 50 affiliate societies. Representatives review the activities conducted by the societies over a 12-month period, analyzing their efforts in 7 categories: Education, Membership, Advocacy, Public Awareness, Member Benefits, Collaboration and Student Activities. The Nebraska Society received high marks in all 7 categories.

"I want to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the committee for recognizing the Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care for the 2019 Summit Award," said Lil O'Neill, Nebraska Society president. "This was the collaborative effort by many dedicated respiratory care professionals who contributed to achieving this award. It is very exciting to be recognized nationally by our peers."

This is the Nebraska Society's first Summit Award.



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We want to give a shout out to RT's across the state for doing activities that contributed to this award. Special thanks to Christine Villegas-NSRC Committee Member and Lisa Fuchs-Past President for all their hard work in achieving this goal. Nebraska has been close to winning several years in the past, but FINALLY our hard work paid off.

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Credentialing Updates!

The NBRC has changed a little in regards to Credentialing! Ensure you are up to date on what maintenance your credentials behind your name need! Visit <https://www.nbrc.org/resources/faqs/> for all your questions!



CEU Opportunities

<https://www.passy-muir.com/ceu>

<http://www.aarc.org/upcoming-programs/>

<https://www.aerogen.com/continuing-education/>

<http://rtevo.com/#courses>

<http://freecme4me.com/sleep-technologist>



Important Website Links

<https://nsrc-online.org>

<https://www.nbrc.org/>

<http://www.aarc.org/>

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Respiratory-Care.aspx>



WHAT DOES THE DO FOR ME?

MYTH

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



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



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



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



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



AARC membership is just too expensive.



FACT

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

- NBRC administers credentials
- State licensing board administers licenses
- AARC has quick reference webpage
- Active members can vote in AARC elections
- State leadership/House of Delegates represent the member

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

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

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