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Delaware Society for Respiratory Care Newsletter



Welcome from the DSRC President:

Happy Spring,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the warmer weather and getting outdoors more. I will be turning over the presidency post to John Emberger early next year and I must say that these last two years have gone very fast. During my time as president, the board and I have made efforts to increase communication within the DSRC. Thanks to Karen Muirhead for the great work on the web site and maintenance of the list serve. This has enabled us to send out information to all members, who wish to be included, regarding events and issues that have been happening for the DSRC. Membership meetings can now be "attended" from the comfort of your own home via conference call, and we have been using mass post card mailings for save the date reminders of the events that would interest all members. These are just to name a few of the advancements that we on the board have been able to accomplish to help you stay aware of what is happening.



Mary Gant , DSRC President



Fall Conference Update:

SAVE THE DATE

DSRC will host its

15th Annual Fall Conference on Oct. 31st, 2008

*To be held at the Christiana Care Hospital, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center,
Newark, De.*

Brochure and electronic registration coming soon!

Contact information:

Email dmarckes@nemours.org or phone: 302-651-5117



The vendors were great!



Having fun with Respiratory Olympics!



AARC membership:

Just a reminder to keep your membership current.
The AARC is only as strong as its membership!
Get discounts to conferences, free AARC CEU's and much more!
www.AARC.org



Delaware RC Dept. Challenge:

*Any Respiratory Care Dept. in the State of Delaware who achieves 100% AARC membership in a calendar year will receive a **FREE PIZZA PARTY** sponsored by the DSRC!*
Contact Membership Chair for more information: dmарckes@nemours.org



What's your state affiliation?

Did you know that because of Delaware's small size that many Respiratory Care Practitioners that work in our state actually live in neighboring state?

The DSRC wants all AARC members who live out of state to email lee@AARC.org and request your state affiliation be changed to Delaware.

It's that simple!

The DSRC only receives your vote on national issues if you are affiliated with Delaware and the AARC will send a small portion of your renewal membership dues back to the DSRC.

So please make this email happen!

Contact Membership Chair for more information: dmарckes@nemours.org



DSRC Nominations:

Want to get more involved with your profession?

Consider running for an office.

It will soon be time again to nominate therapists for board positions on the DSRC.

Open officer positions:

President Elect

Treasurer

Secretary

Delegate

Directors at large (one from each county)

If you would like to talk to someone about any of the below positions email: jrendle@nemours.org or check out the DSRC website: www.delawarelung.org

Look for nomination forms to be mailed soon.



NBRC Grants Amnesty Period for RRT Eligibility:

*Individuals who graduated from advanced –level Respiratory Therapy programs with an Associate degree before **Jan. 1, 2005** now have until **Feb. 28, 2009** to earn the RRT credential. If you graduated after this date, you still only have three years from the date of your graduation to earn the RRT credential!*

The bottom line is if you fail to obtain your RRT within 3 years of graduation or if you qualify for the 2009 date you will have to retake your CRT exam again before you can sit for the RRT. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want to retake that exam again!



NBRC Continuing Competency Program:

*Credentials obtained on or after **July 1, 2002** are valid for a period of **five years** and are subject to the Continuing Competency Program requirements. Your certificate will have any actual expiration date. Participation in the Continuing Competency Program for individuals who were credentialed **PRIOR to July 1, 2002** is voluntary and will have no effect on their credentials.*

What does this mean?

Option 1: *If your credential has a five-year expiration date, you will need to Provide proof of completion of a minimum of 30 hours of Category 1 Continuing Education acceptable to the NBRC.*

Some examples are: Lecture, Panel presentations, Workshops, Seminars, Symposiums and Distance Education.

OR

Option 2: *Retake and pass the respective examination for the highest credential held.*

Example: If the highest credential you hold is the RRT then you would retake and pass the RRT. If you hold an RRT and Neonatal /Pediatric credential then you would need to take the RRT or Neonatal /Pediatric exam.

OR

Option 3: *Pass an NBRC credential exam not previously completed.*

You will be required to submit proof a minimum of 60 days before your credential expiration date. Individuals may complete the application process and pay fees online at www.nbrc.org. Failure to comply the deadline may result in the expiration of an individuals credential.



AARC / DSRC Government Affairs:

PACT (Political Action Contact Team) Update:

Last month the AARC activated the 435 Plan. What does that mean to Delaware?

Our two PACT members were called to get the word out to the Respiratory Therapists in Delaware on 2 pieces of legislation. Information was sent out to all dept. and educators in Delaware to ask their staff to log onto the AARC website and go to the Capital Connections section. Did you answer the call?

Respiratory Care Practice Advisory Council Update:

- 2008 is time for renewing your DE license. The timeframe for which to obtain CRCEs is from 12/1(beginning of licensure period) to 11/30 (end of licensure period). This year the Council will take into consideration the CRCEs earned during the time period of October 1st-November 30th, 2006 since this was a transitional period to the online renewal process.
- Please remember that according to the Rules and Regulations of the 20 CRCEs required you must obtain at least 12 CRCEs in a field directly related to the science and practice of respiratory care. The remaining 8 CRCEs may be selected from Subsection 8.3.3, Subject Matter in the Rules and Regulations.
- Issues the Council has been working on:
 - Limiting distance learning and online learning courses for continuing education.
 - Reviewing and submitting a list of substantially related crimes we would like reviewed by the Board of Medical Practice. These crimes can prevent an applicant from obtaining a DE license for up to 5 years.

For more information you can reference the following website:

www.dpr.delaware.gov



3rd Annual DSRC BENEFIT Golf Tournament

Proceeds to benefit Delaware Asthma Camps and DSRC

Great Fun by all!

Where: Chisel Creek Golf Club

13 Chisel Creek Drive, Landenberg, Pa 19305

Format: Shotgun Start / Scramble Format / Better Ball

When: Friday June 6th 2008 Tee off @ 8:30am, registration begins @ 7:30am

Donation: \$100.00 per golfer, \$250 Hole Sponsor, \$600 for 4 golfers plus Hole Sponsor

Please contact: Bob Donnelly @ 302-454-1894.

Checks can be made to: DSRC

C/O: Bob Donnelly

826 Old Harmony Road

Newark, De 19711 Electronic registration is available on the DSRC website (www.delawarelung.org) under upcoming events section. There is a link to the registration page.





House of Delegates Highlights:

In Dec. 2007 the DSRC sent our two House of Delegates Representatives to Orlando, Fl. for the AARC HOD National meeting.

- *AARC is celebrating its 60th Anniversary!*
- *AARC membership increased to 44,550 (Up 7%)*
- *100,000 credentials obtained in 2007*
- *NBRC grants amnesty period for RRT eligibility. (See more detail in newsletter)*
- *Continuing Competency requirements for credentials is being enforced. No exemptions! (See more detail in newsletter)*
- *7 Free CRCE offerings for AARC members available on the AARC website (21 CRCE's)*
- *AARC summit award: Delaware applied and received honorable mention for their excellence in AARC membership growth.*
- *Project 2015 and beyond: AARC developing series of 3 conferences for the purpose of :*
 1. *Identifying future roles of RT's in 2015 and beyond.*
 2. *The second conference will address education preparation and competency documentation issues for RT's 2015 and beyond.*
 3. *The third and final conference will build upon the previous two and focus primarily on developing a practical transition from the current infrastructure to what will be needed to prepare RT's practicing in 2015 and beyond.*

First conference held March 3, 2008 in Dallas, TX.

- *Respiratory Therapists and Public Health Services (PHS) Commissioned officer Status: Registered RT's with a Baccalaureate level degree are now eligible to join the PHAS commissioned officer rank.*

For further information you may contact:

dmарckes@nemours.org



Have you visited the DSRC website?

www.delawarelung.org



***Mark your calendars:
Respiratory Care Week!
October 20th –24th, 2008***





PLEASE POST

DSRC General membership meetings for 2008

May 19th, 2008 **A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children** **Room 1F53 (Cafeteria)**

CRCE topic: Acute Care and High Frequency Chest Compression Therapy
Sponsored by: RespirTech

Sept. 15th, 2008 **St. Francis Hospital** **Room 129 (duPont building)**

CRCE topic: Impact on COPD on Surgical post-op population

Dec. 8th, 2008 **Christiana Care Hospital** **Room 1 (John H. Ammon Ed. Ctr)**

High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilation

Meeting times: 6:30 – 7:30 pm CRCE presentation
7:30 – 8:30 pm General meeting (All welcome to attend)

Teleconferencing option:

Dial: 1-888-296-6500 Code: 180976 (Free Call)

1 CRCE offered at each general meeting.
Light refreshments served.
All Respiratory Therapists are welcome to attend!

If you require further information check out our website: www.delawarelung.org