AARC Update 2015
Disclosures

- Associate Executive Director-Education
  American Association for Respiratory Care

- Adjunct Faculty
  Graduate College and College of Health Sciences
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Review the status of the AARC

- AARC Strategic Goals 2015-2020
- 2015 Presidential Goals
- Board of Directors actions and pathways to achievement of goals
1. Refine and expand the scope of practice for respiratory therapists in all care settings.
2. Advance the knowledge base and educational preparation of respiratory therapists to ensure competent patient care and to foster patient safety initiatives.
3. Support research and scientific inquiry to strengthen the scientific foundation and promote best practice for patient care.

http://www.aarc.org/aarc/mission-statement/
4. Establish professional standards and outcomes that are supported by scientific evidence.

5. Advocate for federal and state health care policies that enhance patient care, patients’ access to care, and professional practice.

6. Partner with governmental agencies, community organizations, third party payers, professional societies and the public to promote health behaviors and prevent cardiopulmonary disease.

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7. Broaden consumer and health care providers’ knowledge and understanding of the value of respiratory therapists in providing **safe, competent, and evidence-based care**.

8. Assure the Association has the resources to meet the mission and strategic goals of the organization.

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Goal #1: Membership

- Continue to develop and execute strategies that will increase membership beyond 50,000 active members and participation in the AARC both nationally and internationally

- Alpha program
  - Renew before graduation for big savings!

- Omega program
  - Reduced rate for retired memberships

- Win-Back program
  - “Win back” lapsed memberships

http://www.aarc.org/aarc-membership/
Goal #2: Public Awareness

- Promote activities to increase public awareness of respiratory therapists and their role in the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory disorders.
Goal #3: Advancing Education

- Advance the concepts and initiatives brought about by the “Respiratory Therapist for 2015 and Beyond” conferences.
- Develop a toolkit to ensure the existing educational programs are able to move in a direction that will allow them to continue to develop our future students at a level that is consistent with them obtaining a Bachelor’s degree, which will eventually become the entry to the profession.

http://www.aarc.org/careers/respiratory_therapy_degree_advancement/
Baccalaureate Degree Programs
(Entry into RC Profession)

Red = No programs in that state (22)
Respiratory Care
Degree Advancement Programs

Alaska Hawaii

Red = No programs in that state (20)
Green = AS to BS
Blue = BS to MS
Purple = Both Types

N = 49 as of January 2015
Combined Entry and Degree Advancement RC Programs

Alaska Hawaii

Red = No programs in that state (17)
Green = Entry Only
Blue = DA Only
Purple = Both Types

N = 110 as of January 2015
Goal #4: Advocacy

- Promote and advocate for appropriate patient and caregiver access to respiratory therapists in all care settings through local, state, and national legislation, regulation, and/or policies including, but not limited to, recognizing respiratory therapists outside the traditional health care venues as well as recognizing the credential of RRT as the minimum requirement for licensure.
Amend title XVIII of the SSA to provide for incremental expansion of telehealth coverage under the Medicare Program.

- Expand coverage of telehealth services under Medicare by putting these services on the path toward parity with in-person health care visits
  - Bipartisan
  - RT included with other allied health professionals

2 States currently require RRT for new license
- Ohio
- California

Be careful when moving forward
- Make sure the change won’t cause a workforce shortage
- Make sure the change doesn’t disenfranchise RTs
  - Grandfather clause
  - Give time for CRTs to earn RRT

http://www.coarc.com/47.html
Goal #5: International

- Continue to advance our international respiratory community presence through activities designed to address issues affecting educational, medical and professional trends in the global respiratory care community and to advance advocacy for the patient.

Goal #6: Continuing Education

- Promote the access of high quality continuing education for development and enhancement of the skill base of today’s practitioners to meet the current and future needs of our profession.
Continuing Competency CRCE

- NBRC Continuing Competency Program
  - Enter CRCE to keep credential(s) active
- AARC CRCE Transcript
  - Keep track of your earned CRCE credits
- As of September 17, 2015:
  - AARC members can pull AARC CRCE into the NBRC CCP website to reduce efforts
Encourage the development of programs, accreditation, and credentialing of Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist (APRT) as a level of practice that will further improve the care given to our patients and advance the career track of our profession.

[CoARC, AARC, NBRC logos]

http://www.coarc.com/73.html
Goal #8: Partnerships

- Maintain and expand relevant communication and alliances with key allies and organizations within our communities of interest

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CDC

Allergy & Asthma Network

COPD Foundation

AACVPR

American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Promoting Health & Preventing Disease

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

Adding Tomorrows
Expand efforts to obtain research funding and develop the next generation of respiratory therapy researchers. The American Respiratory Care Foundation (ARCF) is an integral part of the funding/fund raising related to research. We will increase participation by our membership in ARCF fund raising activities through an educational effort that will increase awareness in the importance of the ARCF.
The ARCF: It's YOUR Foundation

AARC President Frank Salvatore explains what the ARCF does for respiratory therapists and why you should care.

by Debbie Bunch

The ARCF is the only foundation that specifically supports the scholarship and research of respiratory therapists.
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Thank you!