**Name**

Carla Bremenour

**Credentials**

BSRT, RRT-ACCS, RCP

**Education**

BSRT, MSRT completion date 6/2020

**Years of Experience**

13 years of experience

**Current Place of Employment**

VieMed Sleep Management LLC

**Role in Respiratory Care**

Patient Care Coordinator

**What do you enjoy most about your position?**

Helping chronic respiratory failure patients get the therapy and respiratory care they need in the home.

**What are your biggest challenges in your position?**

My biggest challenges are helping case managers and doctors identify the patients who would continue to benefit from non-invasive ventilation therapy at home once the patient is weaned from oxygen or Bipap in the hospital. Patients with chronic respiratory failure are more prone to readmit to the hospital. Continued support and therapy from non-invasive ventilation combined with a COPD educator respiratory therapist at home post discharge, they’re readmissions and quality of life are greatly improved.

**Would you lease identify one strength in our profession (not job description) as a whole and why you feel it is a strength?**

One strength within our profession would be the amount of autonomy we have in our specialty and where we are trying to advance the profession. Having the amount of autonomy we are awarded comes from our specialized knowledge and how we help physicians and the healthcare team understand the appropriate treatment plan for the patient.

**Would you identify one weakness in our profession (not job description) as a whole and why you feel it is a weakness?**

Unfortunately, the biggest weakness I’ve noticed within the profession are therapist disinterest in continuing with their education to help propel the profession. Knowledge is power.

**What health care skills would you like to develop?**

There are always areas to grow within this profession. Respiratory therapist are only taught the fundamentals in an associate degree program or I should rephrase, were able to attend a university offering a two year respiratory therapy plan which could land you either an associate’s, bachelor’s, or master’s, degree depending on the school attended. We all learn the same fundamentals, but to continue within this career path a person must continue to educate themselves where they fall short. I could identity this as another weakness, or just an elaboration. As far as a skill, I think most respiratory therapist can agree, we don’t get the amount of opportunities to intubate. When the opportunity presents itself, we don’t feel as prepared or confident because remaining competent is a difficult task especially within a teaching hospital fighting over intubations with anesthesia, residents, mid-levels, phlebotomy – just kidding.

**Is there anything you would like to share with our readers?**

Life your life. Taking pride in your profession starts with taking pride in yourself. Try not to discourage impressionable new graduate respiratory therapist. Help each other want to be better therapist. 😊

**Could you please attach a photo?**

Yes

No