

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

Saskatchewan Respiratory Therapy Education Committee



## *A Day in the Life of an AA*

**THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL HIGHLIGHT THE  
ROLE OF ANESTHESIA ASSISTANTS**

- Curious what a day in the life of an Anesthesia Assistant looks like? We were fortunate enough to speak with Candi Thompson this month, Senior Anesthesia Assistant in Saskatoon. 'AAs arrive early and set up the OR by checking and calibrating anesthesia machines, monitors and emergency equipment. Prepare medications, airway devices, IV supplies and other airway equipment. Assist in various acute surgeries ie Heart Surgery, Awake Intubations, and traumas. AAs help place IVs, Artlines and assist with the induction of anesthesia. AAs provide intraoperative monitoring, continuously monitor and adjust anesthetic gases, medications and ventilator settings. AAs are responsible for on going setups for ORs throughout the day. Several out of OR procedures where an anesthetic is provided, the anesthesia team consists of an AA and an anesthesiologist. AAs provide an expert set of hands that speak the same language as anesthesia. The on call AA will stay late in the ORs to assist with any on going emergent cases.'
- 'You can find AA's in a number of places around the hospital including AAs work in operating rooms, Children's hospital, post anesthetic areas, endoscopy suites, MRI, CT suites, Cath Labs, EP Labs, Neurovascular Suite, Radiation Therapy, and Obstetric Areas.'
- For more information on the training required check out [Thompson Rivers University](#).

**WHEN YOUR DAD WALKS OUT  
OF THE CLINIC AND FORGETS  
YOU...**  
**BiPAP**  
**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT:  
[@ANESTHESIABUDDY](#)**

**SASKRTEC'S QUARTERLY  
WEBINAR WILL BE HOSTED  
AND RECORDED VIA [WEBEX](#)  
ON JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 1PM CST  
WITH MELODY BISHOP,  
RRT/CCAA ON VENTILATOR  
ASYNCHONY**

# Educational Resources

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AA

### ARTICLE RESOURCES

- [Position Paper on Anesthesia Assistants: An Official Position Paper of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society](#)
- [Comment on: The evolution and formalization of anesthesia assistant roles across Canada](#)
- [A call to action-anesthesia assistants in Canada](#)
- [A survey of how the role and specialty training of anesthesia assistants in Canadian teaching hospitals have changed over the past 12 years](#)

If you're having difficulty accessing the articles SHA Library Services is a great resource available to all SHA employees. Feel free to contact them to setup a library card number to obtain off site access.

### SUMMARIES & GUIDELINES

- [CSRT Accreditation Manual Anesthesia Assistants Education Programs](#)
- [CSRT Position Statement on Certified Clinical Anesthesia Assistants and Anesthesia Care Teams](#)
- [CSRT National Competency Framework In Anesthesia Assistance](#)

### VIDEO RESOURCES

- [Explore Anesthesiologist Assistants Careers](#)



### PODCASTS

- [Airway, Breathing, Conversation by USask Anesthesia](#)
- [Core Anesthesia](#)
- [The Nurse Anesthesia Podcast](#)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [BC Society of Anesthesia Assistants Instagram](#)
- [AnesthesiaSal on Instagram and YouTube](#)
- [Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society](#)
- [Survey of the Anesthesia Assistant Profession in Canadian Teaching Hospitals: 2007 TO 2019](#)
- Core Anesthesia app on [Google Play](#) and Apple App Store

### WEBINARS

SaskRTEC's quarterly webinar will be June 26th at 1PM CST on the topic of Ventilator Asynchrony. Presented by Melody Bishop, RRT/CCAA.

Use the [Webex link](#)

Passcode: mKTAUZ3Kn52 Access code: 277 491 88371

The recording will be published to our website.

Attendance certificates will be distributed to participants following the webinar.

All those who attend will also be entered into our giveaway.

**Special thank you to  
Candi Thompson, BSC, RRT, CCAA for her  
assistance and insight as Senior Anesthesia  
Assistant with this month's newsletter**

**As we continue to grow this committee we  
are finding a need for more members.  
If you're interested in joining the SaskRTEC  
please send us an email at  
[saskrtec@gmail.com](mailto:saskrtec@gmail.com) or reach out to a  
committee members directly**