

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Saskatchewan Respiratory Therapy Education Committee



Primary Care Respiratory Therapy

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER. BY REQUEST THIS MONTH WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS IN PRIMARY CARE.

- What's the role of a primary care respiratory therapist? Chronic disease education and management, home ventilation, management of patients requiring oxygen in the community, administration of vaccines, spirometry and pulmonary function testing, sleep disorder screening, testing and management, as well as pulmonary rehabilitation. As time goes on the role of RT's in the community continues to expand.
- Disease management programs employing respiratory therapists have reported improvements in resource utilization, readmission rates and hospital length of stay
- May 2, 2024 a National Competency Framework for Primary Care Respiratory Therapy was published. This is a huge step forward for the profession.
- What's next in community care for RTs? Telehealth is a great way to improve patient's access to health care and to help reduce rates of readmission.
- It's hard to summarize all the work these amazing RT's do in a day. This issue is just scratching the surface of their scope and we look forward to future issues that take a deeper dive into their role.

WHAT IS IT CALLED WHEN A BASKETBALL PLAYER GETS A LUNG INFECTION?

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HAPPY MARCH MADNESS

SASKRTEC'S WEBINAR WILL BE HOSTED AND RECORDED VIA WEBEX ON MARCH 20TH AT 1PM CST WITH MELODY BISHOP, RRT/CCAA ON COPD VENTILATOR STRATEGIES

Educational Resources

PRIMARY CARE RESPIRATORY THERAPY

ARTICLE RESOURCES

- [The roles, they are a changing: Respiratory Therapists as part of the multidisciplinary, community, primary health care team](#)
- [The effect of respiratory therapist-initiated treatment protocols on patient outcomes and resource utilization](#)
- [Impact of an Electronic Medical Record Screening Tool and Therapist-Driven Protocol on Length of Stay and Hospital Readmission for COPD](#)

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.

WEBINARS

SaskRTEC will be hosting our first quarterly webinar on March 20th at 1PM CST on the topic of COPD Ventilator Strategies. Presented by Melody Bishop, RRT/CCAA.

Use the [Webex link](#)

Passcode: Me6ZMjZmm73 Access code: 277 409 25452

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.

SUMMARIES & GUIDELINES

- [National Competency Framework for Primary Care Respiratory Therapy](#)
- [CSRT Position Statement on Respiratory Therapists and Primary Care Teams](#)
- [Lung Sask Pulmonary Rehabilitation](#)
- [COPD Foundation](#)

VIDEO RESOURCES

- [ATS New Clinical Practice Guidelines Pulmonary Rehabilitation for Adults with Chronic Respiratory Disease](#)
- [Respiratory Therapy Zone Top 10 Pulmonary Rehab Exercises to Do at Home to Improve Lung Capacity](#)
- [Telehealth and Pulmonary Rehabilitation in Alabama](#)

PODCASTS

- [COPD in General Practice](#)
- [Tracheostomy Education Podcast](#)
- [Tracheostomy Care Isn't What It Used to Be: Insights from an SLP and a Surgeon Ep. 289](#)



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**Reminder to sign up for
Lung Saskatchewan's first pickleball
tournament April 5th in Saskatoon
For more information and to register click
[here](#)**

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