VT/NH Society for Respiratory Care

2025 HIGHLIGHTS AND OVERVIEW



Our Mission and Purpose

- The Vermont/ New Hampshire Society for Respiratory Care is a 501c6 non-profit public resource for all interested in Respiratory Care in Vermont and New Hampshire.
- We serve Respiratory Therapists by providing continuing education opportunities, legislative support, and general Respiratory Care information.
- We also serve as a social and professional networking hub for our members.
- We are an American Association for Respiratory Care (<u>AARC</u>) State affiliate.



AARC vs NBRC vs CoARC

- AARC The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) is the leading national and international professional association for Respiratory Care. We work with RTs to encourage, promote, and facilitate their professional excellence (Our Professional Organization)
- NBRC As the only accredited credentialing body for respiratory care, the NBRC is proud to say that excellence defines us. Nearly 40,000 candidates test for NBRC credentials each year, seeking to demonstrate how excellence defines them across seven specific areas of respiratory care. (Our Credentialling Organization)
- CoARC The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) is a non-profit organization that accredits respiratory care programs in the United States. CoARC's mission is to ensure that respiratory care programs prepare competent graduates for practice, research, and education. (Provides Accreditation of our Schools)



State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Respiratory Care Week is a time to raise awareness about lung health and to celebrate the great field of respiratory care, and it helps to highlight the information we need to keep us breathing well so we can enjoy a great quality of life; and

WHEREAS.

respiratory care is the health care discipline that specializes in the promotion of optimal cardiopulmonary function, health, and wellness; and

WHEREAS.

respiratory therapists diagnose, manage, and work to control illnesses affecting the lungs and this work can branch off into many areas within the field from inpatient care managing ventilators, intubations, breathing treatments, secretion management, and pulmonary hygiene to outpatient care which involves home oxygen, home Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), and Bilevel Positive Airway in the property of the property

Pressure (BiPAP) setup and management; and

WHEREAS.

during Respiratory Care Week it is important to recognize hard-working doctors, nurses, and respiratory therapists who care for patients with breathing difficulties

due to chronic conditions like asthma; and

WHEREAS,

respiratory therapists played a critical role during the pandemic and continue to do so throughout the world. Currently, there are over 133,000 respiratory therapists employed in the United States and this week is a great time to celebrate respiratory therapists, bring awareness to the profession, and inspire growth in respiratory care.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October, 20-26, 2024, as

RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of vermon on this 19th day of October, A.D. 2024.

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affair

Recent Activities

ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE RESPIRATORY COMMUNITY

Support of the Respiratory Profession

2023 - New Hampshire License Support

- The State of NH was proposing to delicense Respiratory Therapist in a cost-cutting measure. The Society helped to block this measure.
- Advocated for significant rule changes for accepted continuing education in NH for RCPs

2023 and 2024 – Promote the Respiratory Profession as a Career

- Dozens of HOSA Events at High Schools
- UNH Events (6 times) to make students aware of RT opportunities

Support of the Respiratory Profession

2024 – Paramedics being used in Respiratory Roles

- Provide support to NH Licensing Board
- Enlisted support from the AARC on a National Position Statement

2023 and 2024 – Legislative Activities (PACT)

- Fly-In to Capitol Hill to meet with VT and NH Senators and Representatives
- Support of SOAR Act
- US Gov't approved funding of Respiratory Telehealth

Support of the Respiratory Profession

2024 – Fostering Student Activities / Licensure

- Highly discounted rates at Society and AARC Educational Events
- Funded travel to AARC National Events to students
- Funding of the NBRC Exams was available for students

2023 and 2024 – Fostering AARC Membership

- Offering significant discounts to AARC Members at Society Events
- AARC Discounts to members of the VT/NH Society at National Events
- AARC Speakers at Society Events

Providing Clinical Education

- In 2024 the VT/NH Society for Respiratory Care provided ~1540 CRCE Educational Credits to NH and VT RT's
- The Society has been offering 2 large Educational Events per year (Spring / Fall)
- Top Notch Speakers Experts from around the USA and the region
- 2025 Fall Conference being held on Sept 9 – 10 at Waterville Valley Resort



2025 Strategic Plan

VT / NH Society For Respiratory Care Outreach Board of Director visits to hospitals all over the region Explore similar program to UNH program with UVM and Dartmouth Meet with Career Centers and High School Guidance Counselors

Educational EventsYou spoke, we listened

Make educational events more affordable Fall Event at Waterville Valley Resort (less expensive) Spring event in the Connecticut River Valley

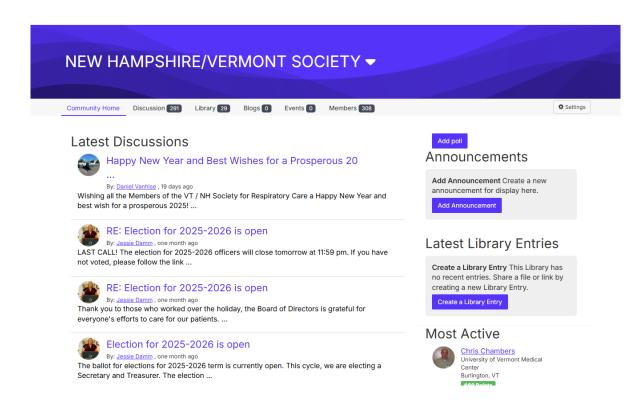
New Website – Coming this Winter

Enhanced communication and resources
New pages being added



AARC Connect

- If you want to be informed about activities in VT/NH, make sure you are on AARC Connect and the notifications are sent to you in a timely manner.
- Frequent posting on Educational Opportunities, AARC Updates, Political Activities, and Job Postings
- Use a non-work email for Connect



Ways to Get Involved

- Attend Monthly Board of Directors Meetings
 - Virtual Meeting Held the second Tuesday of each month
 - Zoom Link is published on the Society Website
- Join a Committee
 - Many committee openings such as Membership, Outreach / HOSA, and Education
- Volunteer at Respiratory Educational Fairs (such as UNH)
- Attend the VT/NH Educational Conferences



Thank you for your participation!

For questions or comments please reach out to:

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