



# MSRC June Newsletter



ADVANCING RESPIRATORY CARE ACROSS MISSOURI

"As the days grow brighter, respiratory therapists continue to be the steady presence behind every breath, every recovery and every moment of hope."



## Congrats Grads!

Congratulations to the newest graduates entering the field of respiratory care!

Your hard work, dedication, and passion for patient care have brought you to an incredible milestone. As you begin your journey as respiratory therapists, we welcome you into the respiratory care family. We are excited to see the future has in store for you.

### We would love to spotlight our New Grads



Send your graduation photos, school name, and future plans for a chance to be featured in upcoming newsletters and social media posts.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*Virtually Unstoppable: Advancing Respiratory Care Together*



July 17, 2026



0800-1600



Virtually Anywhere



### Registration:



AARC Members: \$40 Now thru 6/17

Non AARC Members: \$50 Now thru 6/17

After 6/17: Prices Increase \$20



## MISSOURI SB 1233 UPDATE: PASSED IN SENATE

SB 1233 has officially passed the Missouri Senate and is now heading to the Governor's desk for signature! This landmark legislation will require all new respiratory therapy practitioners to hold the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential in order to obtain licensure in the state of Missouri, ensuring that all new respiratory therapists entering practice have demonstrated advanced clinical competency through the nationally recognized RRT credential.

Certified Respiratory Therapists (CRTs) who obtained their certification prior to January 1, 2027 will be grandfathered in under existing licensure requirements and will not be subject to the new RRT credential mandate.



This Week a few of our MSRC Board Members traveled to Washington, D.C to attend the AARC Fly-In, to show support of the Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform (SOAR) Act (HR-2902 / S-1406)

You can support, too! Write to your legislators





## DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATION NEEDED

The Missouri Society for Respiratory Care is seeking a passionate respiratory representative to serve as the District 5 Representative.

**SERVING AS A DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- ✓ Advocate for respiratory therapists in your region
- ✓ Promote engagement and professional growth
- ✓ Share local concerns and successes with the MSRC Board
- ✓ Help shape the future of respiratory care in Missouri

Whether you are an experienced leader or someone looking to become more involved in the organization, we encourage you to consider this rewarding opportunity.

### Counties Covered:

Iron, Madison, Perry, Reynolds, Wayne, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Stoddard, Butler, Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Mississippi, Scott, Ripley and Oregon



## A MESSAGE FROM THE AARC PRESIDENT

THE AARC IS AWARE OF THE RECENT DECISION BY MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM TO TRANSITION AWAY FROM OVERNIGHT, IN-PERSON RESPIRATORY THERAPIST (RT) COVERAGE AT SELECT HOSPITALS.

RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS ARE VITAL MEMBERS OF THE CARE TEAM, PARTICULARLY IN ACUTE CARE SETTINGS WHERE RAPID, HANDS-ON ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION ARE ESSENTIAL. WE HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT ANY CARE MODEL THAT REDUCES DIRECT RT PRESENCE AT THE BEDSIDE.

WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE LEADERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF THIS CHANGE AND TO ENSURE THAT THE ROLE OF RTs IN DELIVERING SAFE, HIGH-QUALITY PATIENT CARE REMAINS CLEAR AND SUPPORTED.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION AND ADVOCATE FOR THE PROFESSION AND THE PATIENTS WE SERVE.

*Dana Evans*  
— AARC President



GET READY TO CONNECT, LEARN AND UNWIND AT THE AARC SUMMER FORUM IN BONITA SPRINGS, FL!

JULY 13-15 AT THE HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA.

USE CODE MO10OFF FOR \$10 OFF REGISTRATION



# Reminder



Don't Forget to renew your *Missouri License* by **July 31, 2026**



**24 CEUs**

are required between **August 1, 2024** through **July 31, 2026**



## Save the Date!

# Foster/Lamb Memorial

— GOLF TOURNAMENT —

OCTOBER 11, 2026



Honoring a legacy. Supporting the future.

## SAVE THE DATE!

# MSRC NIGHT

## @ THE CARDINALS GAME

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH



Join your fellow RTs at **4 Hands Brewery** 2 hours before first pitch



and then watch the **Cards** destroy the **White Sox**.



More details to come for group tickets.