



**2024 OREGON SOCIETY FOR
RESPIRATORY CARE IN REVIEW:**

THANK YOU TO OUR VENDORS

VENDORS

- Aerogen
- AirLife
- Allergy & Asthma Network
- Baxter
- CAREstream America
- Electromed
- Fisher & Paykel Healthcare
- Full Code CPR
- Getinge
- Hamilton Medical
- Insmed

VENDORS

- Lincare
- Linde Gas and Equipment
- Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
- Masimo
- Medline
- Medtronic
- MGC Diagnostics
- Monaghan Medical
- Norco
- Northwest Medical
- OHSU
- PeaceHealth

VENDORS

- Performance Home Medical
- Providence Healthcare
- Radiometer
- Salem Health Hospitals & Clinics
- Samaritan Health
- Sentec
- Siemens Healthineers
- Theravance Biopharma
- Trianim
- Verathon
- Vyair Medical

THANK YOU SPEAKERS

- Carrie Coffman, RRT
- Dr. Corey Witenko, PharmD, FCC, BCPS, BCCCP
- Correy Mohnike, BS, RRT, RRT-ACCS
- Ashley Feighery, BHA, RRT
- Dr. Matthew Egalka, MD
- Mandy DeVries MSc, RRT, RRT-NPS
- Stacy O'Keefe, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS
- Kristen Hood, BSRC, RRT, RRT-NPS

OSRC MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS:

- Mission:

- The Oregon Society for Respiratory Care (OSRC) will be the leading state professional society for respiratory care

- Vision:

- Encourage and promote professional excellence. Advance the science and practice of respiratory care, and serve as an advocate for patients, their families, the public, the profession, and the respiratory therapist.

OSRC MEMBERSHIP

- As of March 15rd, 2024, there are **2,191** Licensed RT's in Oregon
- As of March 22, 2023, **364** are AARC Members

WHAT THE OSRC BOD HAS DONE HISTORICALLY

- Oregon was the 5th state to become RRT only for new licenses. This aligned with the AARC's 2015 and beyond plan
- Polysomnographic Tech's became licensed in OR
- We put on an annual educational conference
- We continue to have a strong voice in Washington DC and Oregon thanks to our PACT
- The OSRC continues to be a solvent entity

OSRC WILL BE SUPPORTING THE AARC AT CAPITOL HILL COMING UP MAY 6TH!

- Reforming the Medicare payment system for oxygen, to guarantee access to RT's and liquid oxygen for patients in need
- Campaigning to have Respiratory Therapists continue to be allowed as a virtual telehealth permanent benefit for Medicare beneficiaries
- This translates into two bills:
 - The SOAR Act: Senate Bill 3821: House Bill 7829
 - PR Telehealth: House Bill 1406: Senate Bill 3021

FOUR PILLARS OF OXYGEN REFORM

1. Ensure supplemental oxygen is patient-centric
 - Change home oxygen to supplemental oxygen to ensure people requiring oxygen can live full lives outside their primary residence
2. Ensure access to liquid oxygen for patients for whom it is medically necessary

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3. Currently oxygen is considered DME rather than a prescription. An oxygen prescription would provide appropriate reimbursement for higher oxygen needs

4. Establish national standardized documentation requirements that rely upon a template rather than prescriber medical records to support claims for supplemental oxygen supplies to protect and prevent against fraud and abuse

ORGANIZATIONAL ALPHABET SOUP

- CO-ARC: Mission is to ensure that high quality educational programs prepare graduates to be competent respiratory therapists with proficiency in practice, education, research, and service
- NBRC: The National Board for Respiratory Care is a non-profit organization formed in 1960 with the purpose of awarding and maintaining credential for Respiratory Therapists in the United States

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- AARC: Purpose of the American Association for Respiratory Care is to Unite, Support, Elevate, and Advance the Respiratory Care profession now and into the future
- OHA Licensing Board: Oregon Health Authority's Public Health division is a central licensing and regulatory office that oversees multiple health and related professions. The OHA licenses the Respiratory Therapists in the State of Oregon

AARC'S VISION

- 2025 Vision

The AARC will be THE leading organization to advance the profession of respiratory care worldwide.

- Still working on completing the 2023 – 2025 Strategic Plan and will be meeting in the spring of 2025 to begin planning the next strategic plan for 2026 – 2028 to remain transparent and accountable per the HOD, BOD, AARC members agreed plans.

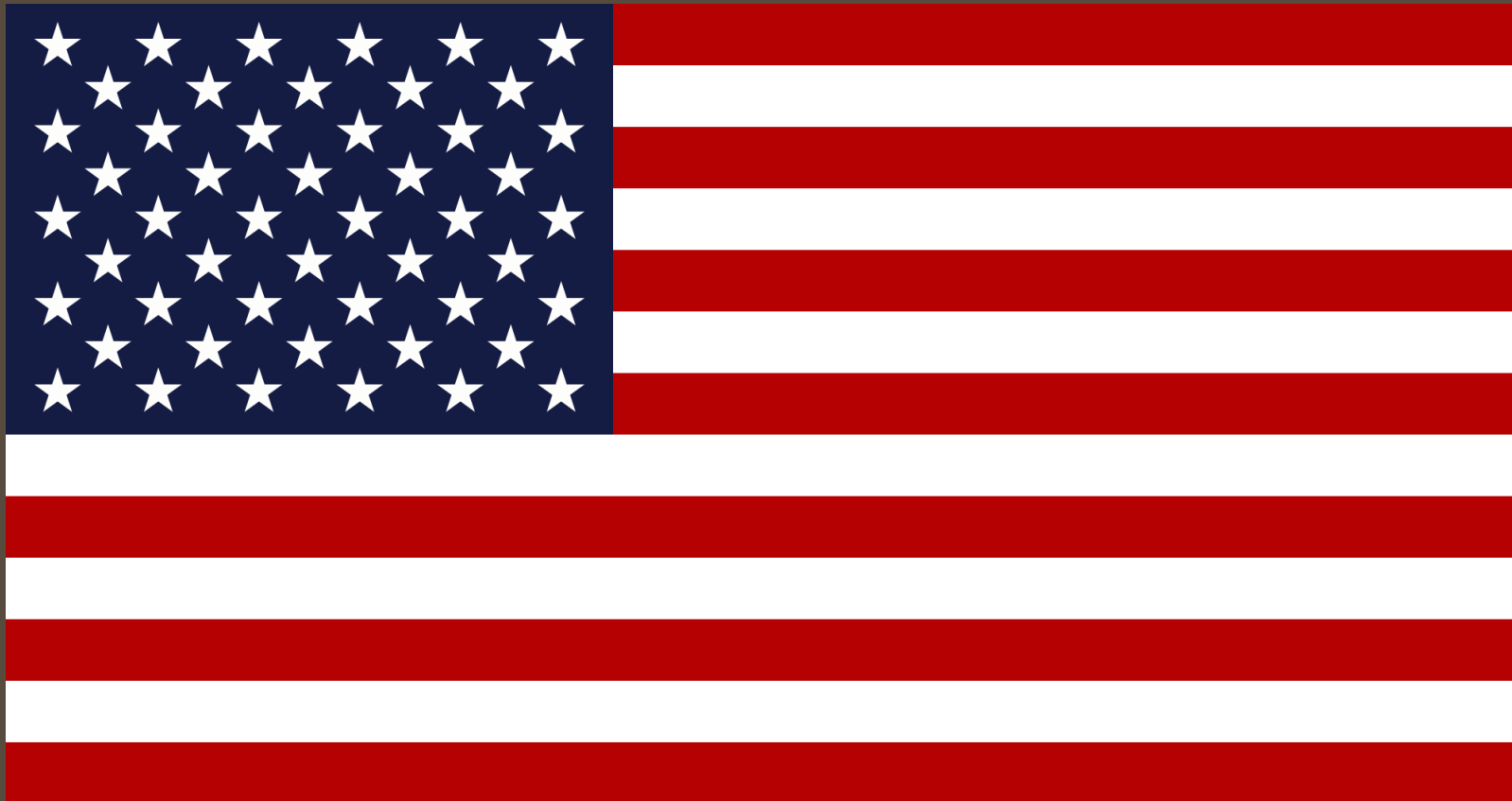
AARC ITEMS IN THE WORK

- AARC has launched digital membership cards to help “go green” and reduce waste
- New AARC branding and website up and running. A continuous process improvement plan over the next year or two
- Check out all the new Connect Communities. Including an Industry AARConnect Community!

AARC ITEMS IN THE WORK

- AARC partners with HOSA – future health professionals - to aid in filling the need for more RTs. Also supports these other initiatives to support filling seats in school programs and graduate RTs to help the workforce shortage
- The inaugural AARC Emerging Leaders Program launched this year in March and will run through November, as the top candidates chosen will graduate during the awards ceremony at this year's Congress
- Compact Licensing is in the works. A taskforce has been working on grants, funding and legislation this past year and progress is being made

WE SALUTE OUR TROOPS



2024-2025 OSRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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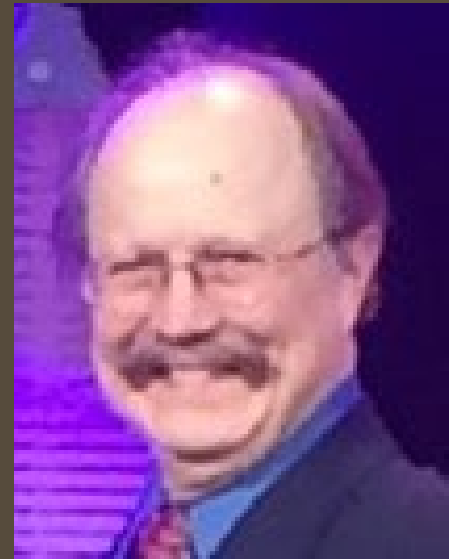
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LIFETIME MEMBERS



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YOU!

We want to thank and celebrate each of you for your support in attending the conference this year. Without your dedication to our field, we wouldn't have such a great profession!