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NBRC Re-Credentialing

Individuals who earned NBRC credentials after July 1, 2002 MUST renew their credentials every 5 years, by participating in the NBRC Continuing Competency Program. This applies to all credentials granted by the NBRC (CRT, RRT, CPFT, RPFT, NPS). Credentials earned before July, 2002 are exempt from this program.

Three options are available for re-credentialing:

- a) Continuing Education – complete 30 hours of continuing education during each 5-year period. If multiple credentials are held, continuing education must be divided between the credentials held.
- b) Re-examination – successfully pass the examination for the highest credential held. If multiple credentials are held, only 1 exam is required.
- c) Upgrading credentials – successfully pass an NBRC examination for an equal or higher level credential.

If you are required to renew your credentials, you should receive notices from the NBRC about re-credentialing. You can also check the status of your credentials at the NBRC website, <http://www.NBRC.org>.

Why is re-credentialing important? If you hold credentials that require renewal, compliance with the re-credentialing program might be very important to your present and future employment because your current job description may require NBRC credentials, future employers will

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probably require NBRC credentials, and licensure in most states requires either NBRC credentials or successful completion of an NBRC exam.

Visit the NBRC web site at www.NBRC.org for details on these 3 options and the re-credentialing process.

Indiana Goes GREEN

As described in the last issue of the Pulmonary Press, the AARC 435 Plan is an attempt to enlist at least 2 practitioners and 1 patient in each Congressional district who are willing to contact their Congressperson on key issues that will impact the delivery of respiratory care. To track the progress of the 435 plan, Frank Salvatore, AARC Federal Legislative Committee Chair, color codes each state with respect to their level of involvement. At the Summer 2007 House of Delegates meeting in Reno, he announced that Indiana has joined the ranks of the “Green States,” states with 435 Plan therapists in 100% of their Congressional districts.

Congratulations to Pat Ingle, ISRC Government Affairs Chair, on this achievement. The next step is to bolster membership in the 435 Plan

The AARC anticipates possibly activating the 435 Plan later this year, as two key pieces of legislation move forward in Congress.

Message from the President

The summer is half over! I hope everyone has had a good summer. It has been an interesting summer for me. I have a new grandson (I already have a 5 year old granddaughter and a 3 year old grandson) and my daughter, son-in-law, husband, and I spent 3 weeks at Riley Hospital. I of course introduced myself to every Respiratory Therapist I happened to see. What a great group of therapist! Everyone was very friendly and professional. They are a credit to their profession and hospital.

I also will turn 50 on July 25th! What a milestone in a person's life. I have been a Respiratory Therapist for half of my life and an AARC member for the past 14 years. I have been on the ISRC Board for the past 13 years.

The ISRC is looking for eager, energetic, enthusiastic people to run for office for the 2008-2009 ISRC board of directors. Now is your chance to become a leader in your state society. It is a great opportunity to learn and become involved at the state and national level. You could meet some of the great people that have shaped the ISRC and AARC. If you are interested, contact Ross Havens or any board member and we will send you the information needed to become involved.

By now everyone should have received their brochure for the fall seminar. It will be in Indianapolis on September 20th & 21st at the Radisson. Look on the ISRC webpage for details if you have not received the brochure or you want more information. There will be an ISRC Board meeting from 6:00-9:00 on the evening of September 19th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Here are some future dates to remember. October 21st-27th is Respiratory Care Week and December 1st-4th is the 53rd AARC International Respiratory Congress in Orlando, FL. Have a wonderful and safe rest of the summer

Respiratory Care Practitioners – The Next Generation

Be Charity Bowling

The Respiratory Initiative is a committee of the ISRC, which began several years ago. The focus of the committee is to recruit individuals for the Respiratory Schools throughout Indiana so that we can assist in filling the shortage of Respiratory Therapists that many facilities are experiencing.

After the committee sat dormant for a year, it is slowly being revived thanks to several individuals that have come forward to assist in this important venture. The committee has now been divided into three regions throughout the state, Northern, Central, and Southern. Each region has representation to assist with questions about Respiratory Therapy as well as a resource for scheduling Community events such as Health Fairs and shadowing experiences. The Co-Chairs are: Northern - Shelley Herber; Central - Charity Bowling and Marcus Stowe; and Southern - Susan Wynn and Jennifer Purdue-Reece.

The committee has been busy updating materials to distribute to hospitals, schools, and any other facility that may request information about respiratory therapy. The group is also in the process of converting the recruitment video, "Life and Breath", from a VHS format to a DVD format.

Plans are in the works to have a "College Open House" during Respiratory Care Week October 21-27, 2007 followed by a "State Wide Shadow Day" the week of November 5-9, 2007. These opportunities will provide individuals an opportunity to explore the fascinating and challenging world of respiratory therapy.

Anyone that might be interested in becoming a volunteer for the RI Committee may contact the Co-Chair in their area via the ISRC website at <http://www.in-isrc.org>. The next

Respiratory Initiative meeting will be held September 20, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the ISRC Annual State Seminar at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Indianapolis

We Are...The ISRC

Mary Todd is the President of the ISRC. She has been a member of the AARC/ISRC since 1993. She began her involvement with the ISRC as a Chapter Director, then as Vice President. She has served on the program committee for several years.

Mary is a 1984 graduate of the Vincennes University Respiratory Care program. She is a critical care therapist at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, where she has worked for 17 years. She is also a trainer for the Vest.



Mary and her husband Terry have been married for 31 years. They live in Oakland City with their Chihuahua Sheba and Himalayan cat Cinder. They have 2 daughters, and 3 grandchildren.

Mary's hobbies include knitting, cross stitch, making jewelry, and her grandkids. She loves country and classic rock music. She also makes delicious snacks for the ISRC Program Committee.

COMING SOON

Discounted AARC membership renewal. Check the ISRC website after September 1 for details.

Graduation Day

The ISRC wishes to congratulate the members of the Class of 2007 at the Respiratory Therapy Schools in Indiana.

Clarian	IVY Tech – Fort Wayne	IVY Tech – Michigan City	University of Southern Indiana (Graduate in 8/07)	IVY Tech – Indianapolis
Sarah Bethuram	Ron Anderson	Denise Cummings	Kristine Abercrombie	Christy Atoyebi
Jennifer Blake	Cathy Bode	Barb Diller	Hannah Anderson	Laurie Black
Autumn Bowden	Mandy Brenner	Angela Gregory	Valerie Elless	Teresa Black
Mandy Burnside	Nicole Bush	Margaret Hostetter	Scott Gillespie	Chris Boerner
Melissa Cecrle	Amanda Butcher	Antwan Jakes	Anne Gish	Vanessa Bowlds
Nicole Clevenger	Ashley Crow	Jacob Kniola	Melissa Gray	Cindy Carlisle
Helen Coffman	Megan Gettys	Jeremy Leggett	Jennifer Julovich	Jody Colson
Ashley Harvey	Melissa Hirschy	Sheila Medlin	Robert Kremer	Michelle Cunningham
Acrista Hole	Faith Miller	Paula Pastor	Brittaney Lynch	Chris French
David Johnson	Juanita Minniefield	Stephanie Saitta	Amber Rainey	Suzanne Giesting
Sarah Murphy	Vickie Perry	Emily Smitka	Irma Ramirez	Jennifer Guyinn
Alishia Novak	Marisa Pike	Stacy Stephenson	Jordan Stevens	Toria Harris
Kevin Roe	Tam Pollock	Breonna Williamson	Christie Turley	Tracie Hopson
Katy Walz	Sara Simon			Becky Hunnicutt
Brittany Wilson	Carli Sprunger			Jessica Johnson
Emily Wilson	Lisa Varner			Elena Korchin
Kristi Young-Davis	Eugene Zarzecki			Sanjiv Kumar
			IVY Tech – Terre Haute	Katie Kuzmission
			Marlene Cuffle	Heidi Miller
			Jennifer Gearries	Andi Miller
			Maylord Gonzalez	Pam Nubong
			Micah Jones	Carmen Randolph
			Jimmy McKanna	Marcie Taphorn
			Natalie Millington	Rosa Smith
			Lindsey Rentschler	Melissa Walls
				Carrie Werbe

CONGRATULATIONS, AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CAREERS.

ISRC ELECTION 2007

The ISRC Nominations and Elections Committee is accepting nominations for Secretary, and Director for all 7 chapters.

ISRC members may submit names for consideration by completing the form below. Before you submit a name for consideration, please verify that the person is an active member of the AARC/ISRC, and is interested in running for office. The Nominations and Elections Committee will consider each submission for inclusion on the ballot.

Your name: _____ ARC Member number: _____

Secretary Name of nominee: _____

Chapter Director Name of nominee: _____ Chapter: _____

FAX this form to: Ross Havens (574.647.6689) or submit candidate information via e-mail to: rhavens@in-isrc.org

NOMINATION DEADLINE is September 1, 2007

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September 20-21, 2007
Radisson Hotel City Center

2007 Board of Director's Meetings

September 19, 2007 (6PM)
Radisson Hotel City Centre
Indianapolis

November 16, 2007
Ivy Tech - Lawrence Campus
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