

## Issue 2, 2008 (June)

### Important Dates to Remember

AARC Summer Forum – July 11-13, 2008  
OSRC Board Meeting – July 17, 2008  
St. John's Summer Symposium – July 18, 2008  
OU Pediatric Conference – July 24, 2008  
OSRC Board Meeting – August 21, 2008  
OSRC Fall Seminar – October 16-17, 2008  
RC Week – October 19-25, 2008  
World COPD Day – November 19, 2008  
Great American Smokeout – November 20, 2008  
AARC National Congress – December 13-16, 2008

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### State Seminar a Success

The OSRC Summer Seminar at the Reed Conference Center was an outstanding educational opportunity for all. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thanks to all our vendors for their support. Check the OSRC Website for pictures & highlights to be posted soon. Start making plans for next year – the dates will be posted on the OSRC website when available. Don't forget about the Fall Seminar in Tulsa!

### Summer Symposium in Tulsa



St. John's Medical Center in Tulsa presents: "Summer Symposium: A 6-CEU Respiratory Care

Symposium on Ventilation, Humidification, Resuscitation, and Beyond." The date will be Friday, July 18, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., location Mary K. Chapman Health

Plaza. Sponsors include Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, Cardinal Healthcare, and Sepracor. Speakers include Lisa Herbig, BS, RRT; Rob Cornell, MS, RRT; and Scott Richey, RRT. Hear the latest on VAP, along with a humidification workshop by F&P. For further information, contact: [bmurray@sjmc.org](mailto:bmurray@sjmc.org) or [mdphillips@sjmc.org](mailto:mdphillips@sjmc.org).

### Website News – Job Postings!

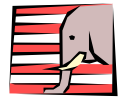
Job postings are now available on the OSRC website. Positions may be posted free if they are within the state of Oklahoma. For more information, visit [www.okrespiratorycare.org/jobs](http://www.okrespiratorycare.org/jobs) (or go to the main page and click on "Jobs").

A major expansion of the OSRC website is planned soon – additional pages and new features will be added, so keep checking back frequently. We hope to eventually support full online registration for OSRC seminars and events. Also, don't forget that you can read this and past issues of the OSRC Newsletter on our website!

### It's Election Time!



We know everybody is looking ahead to this year's Presidential Election. But don't forget about



the elections for 2009 OSRC Officers! Nominations are currently still being accepted. A nomination form can be downloaded from the OSRC Website. Once the nominations are in, the election will be conducted via mail-in ballots and the results will be announced at the Fall Seminar this October. For additional information, please contact OSRC Nominations & Elections Chair, Petrina Nesbitt at (405) 271-8001 ext 37789, or by e-mail at [petrina.nesbitt@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:petrina.nesbitt@hcahealthcare.com).

### Kudos to Lezlie

Congratulations to the OSRC's own Lezlie Heyland of Francis Tuttle College, who received a special mention on the AARC's "Good Press: AARC Members in the News" page of the website. Lezlie was interviewed for an April 20 article in The Oklahoman / NewsOK.com concerning the challenges faced by career and technical schools. For additional info, please see the following link from the AARC:

[www.aarc.org/headlines/2008/good\\_press/05/06/](http://www.aarc.org/headlines/2008/good_press/05/06/)

Way to go Lezlie!



## Pediatric / Neonatal Symposium

**MAQUET**

A single day symposium on pediatric and neonatal respiratory care, hosted by OU Medical Center and sponsored by Maquet, will be held on July 24, 2008. Complete program information will be posted on the OSRC Website when available. Come hear the most up-to-date information on mechanical ventilation of peds and neonates.



## Oklahoma Asthma Initiative

Hello! I am writing to let you know about all of the wonderful things that the Oklahoma Asthma Initiative has been engaged in during the last several months. As many of you know, we have had inconsistent meetings in an effort to focus on program implementation. I am excited to report the following activities of the various workgroups:

• **€Awareness & Education**—*Increase the proportion of persons with asthma who receive formal patient education, including information about community and self-help resources, as an essential part of the management of their condition.*

- We collaborated with the OSDH Lead Poisoning Prevention program and the East Central University Environmental Health program to conduct the “Essentials of Healthy Housing” workshop. We had 53 people from around the state attend this unique training opportunity.
- Asthma Friendly Schools: We provided asthma education opportunities for staff, parents and students at childcare facilities and schools throughout the state. Our efforts reached 72 child care facilities, 47 schools, and 1791 students
- Breathe Well, Live Well: We are conducting adult asthma management programs throughout the metro-areas in an effort to increase asthma self-management skills and decrease asthma related illness and death. We have reached 67 adults through this program.

• **€Medical Professional Education**—*Increase the proportion of persons with asthma who receive appropriate asthma care according to the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) Guidelines*

- We conducted an Asthma Educator Institute (March 6-7, 2008) in conjunction with OU Medical Center. There were 34 participants

- . . . . Average pre-test score: 72%
- . . . . Average post-test score: 87%

• **€Data & Surveillance**—*Establish a surveillance system for tracking asthma death, illness, disability, impact of occupational and environmental factors on asthma, access to medical care, and asthma management.*

- Utilizing the current asthma surveillance report to

set priorities for action and interventions

- **€Public Policy**—Reduce activity limitations among persons with asthma.
  - We participated in a Legislative Day at the State Capitol to encourage our legislators of the need for strengthening our secondhand smoke laws
  - We have been working with local tobacco coalitions to increase tobacco prevention and cessation efforts. Successes have been the adoption of 24/7 no tobacco use policies in several school districts, the strengthening of youth access to tobacco ordinances, and numerous opportunities for media exposure

As we move forward, we will begin a dual purpose: re-engaging the coalition and strengthening our interventions.

We will be focusing on the following:

- **€By September 2009**, the Oklahoma Asthma Initiative will implement components of the “Asthma Friendly Schools” Initiative to at least 20 schools in Oklahoma
- **€By September 2009**, the Oklahoma Asthma Initiative will have implemented the “Counting on You...Responding to Kids with Asthma” program to at least 150 childcare facility personnel.
- **€By September 2009**, the Oklahoma Asthma Initiative will develop a coordinated and comprehensive surveillance and evaluation system. Incorporate and report evaluation measures for all activities and interventions
- **€By September 2009**, the Oklahoma Asthma Initiative will revise the state asthma plan to be reflective of current asthma practices.
- **€By September 2009**, the members of the Oklahoma Asthma Initiative will increase the proportion of people that receive appropriate care according to the National Asthma Education Prevention Program's EPR-3 guidelines

We are at a critical time in the life of our coalition—we have a marvelous foundation of activities reaching a population burdened with asthma, and we are poised to build and strengthen the work that we've been engaged in. I am asking for your assistance in this process.

We need your help in fighting this insidious disease. I look forward to hearing from you!

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## Legislative Info

The OSRC's PACT (Political Advocacy Contact Team) reminds you to support the following legislation:

OKLAHOMA

HB 2642 Enrolled providing training requirements for personal home care assistants; requiring training plan for personal home care assistants, also FYI, not new lang. but skilled care as something provided by, among others RTs.



The OSRC also urges you to write your Senators and US Representatives regarding bills S-329 and HR-552, which will include pulmonary

rehabilitation in the 2008 Medicare Package. A sample letter in support of this bill can be found on the OSRC Website.

Please visit [www.okrespiratorycare.org/pact-information](http://www.okrespiratorycare.org/pact-information) for the latest news on political advocacy.

## AARC House of Delegates to Meet



The House of Delegates will be meeting during the AARC's Summer Forum this July. Oklahoma's representatives to the HOD are Karen Hart and Lezlie

Heyland. Please contact them if you have any concerns to be addressed with the AARC. (Contact information is on the back page of this Newsletter, and on the OSRC Website).

## OSRC Fall Seminar

Plan now to attend the OSRC Fall Seminar. This year it will be held at the Cherokee Casino Resort in Tulsa. The dates are October 16-17, 2008. Join us for fun, educational offerings, and announcement of the 2009 OSRC officers! More information, program, and registration will be posted on the OSRC Website when it becomes available. See you there!



## Respiratory Care Week

Respiratory Care Week has been celebrated on the last full week in October since 1982. In conjunction with this event, Lung Health Day is celebrated on Wednesday of RC Week in order to bring lung health issues to the attention of the public.

RC Week this year will be October 19-25, 2008. We would like to know what you are planning this year! Send us the various ways you will be celebrating RC Week and we will print them in the next issue of this Newsletter. Respiratory Care Week is an excellent opportunity for us to promote our profession.

## Cardinal Named 2008 Partner in Profession

Cardinal Health and Scott Seely, RRT, their representative for Oklahoma, earned the "2008 Partners in Our Profession Award" from the Oklahoma Society for Respiratory Care. This is the highest honor bestowed by the OSRC upon its partners in business and industry.



The "Partners" Award is patterned after the popular Zenith Award sponsored by the American Society for Respiratory Care (AARC). RCPs across Oklahoma are asked to identify nominees for our state's "people's choice" award designed to identify and recognize the manufacturers, pharmaceutical, supply companies, and/or service organizations that have done an outstanding job for us, for our employers, and our professional organization, the OSRC -- most importantly, however, for the patients we serve! The company and its representatives with the highest score based upon the number of nominations is then awarded the PARTNERS IN OUR PROFESSION award.

Worldwide, Cardinal and its affiliated brands (Airlife, Bear, Viasys, Sensormedics, etc) are a leading provider of respiratory supplies, services, and technology. Please join the OSRC Board of Directors in thanking Cardinal Health for their ongoing contributions and congratulate them on winning this prestigious award.

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Have a safe 4th!

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