

AARC Presidential Goals: (2017-2018)

My presidential goals for 2017-2018 will focus on three domains; quality, safety and value. As you will see they are interconnected and support each other. While I have put them in this order, it is not to indicate that one is more important than the other.

1. Quality
 - a. Advance the educational requirements for entry level to BSRT.
 - b. Promote the access of high quality continuing education for development and enhancement of the skill base of today's practitioners to meet the current and future needs of our profession.
 - c. Expand efforts to obtain research funding and develop the next generation of respiratory therapy researchers to guide our future practice.
 - d. Encourage the development of programs, accreditation and credentialing of Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist (APRT) as a level of practice that will further improve the care given to our patients and provide an avenue for those who wish to advance the career track of our profession.
2. Safety
 - a. Lead and advance the mechanical ventilation safety.
 - b. Improve access to respiratory therapist. Right place, right time, right expert.
 - c. Maintain and expand relevant communication and alliances with key allies and organizations within our communities of interest.
 - d. Continue to advocate for our patients, caregivers and families who suffer from cardiopulmonary disease.
3. Value
 - a. AARC Value
 - i. Continue to develop and execute strategies that will increase membership by 8% (active members) and improve participation of current members in the AARC both nationally and internationally.
 - ii. Continue to advance our international respiratory community presence through activities designed to address issues affecting educational, medical and professional trends in the global respiratory care community and to advance advocacy for the patient.
 - b. Respiratory Therapist Value
 - i. Promote activities to increase public awareness of respiratory therapists and their role in the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory disorders.
 - ii. Promote and advocate for appropriate patient and caregiver access to respiratory therapists in all care settings through local, state and national legislation, regulation and/or policies including, but not limited to, recognizing respiratory therapists outside the traditional health care venues as well as recognizing the credential of Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) as the minimum requirement for licensure.