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To Whom It May Concern:

Recently the AARC collaborated with edX and Harvard in an effort to launch Mechanical Ventilation for COVID-19, a free online introductory course on ventilator use that addresses the urgent need for medical professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic. These videos are directed at a work force such as a Respiratory Therapist Multiplier. In other words, this educational program would help prepare physicians, nurses, respiratory care students, and recent respiratory therapy retirees to receive an up-to-date overview of mechanical ventilation. This course will not replace the expertise of a critical care respiratory therapist; rather, it provides foundational knowledge that will allow collaboration for the best possible patient care in a crisis situation.

The Board of Medical Advisors (BOMA) supports this effort and encourages those who wish to work with frontline respiratory therapists to become more familiarized with ventilator management.

The organizations below have representatives to BOMA:

American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP)

American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)

American Thoracic Society (ATS)

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (ACAAI)

Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM)

National Association for Medical Direction of Respiratory Care (NAMDRRC)

US Military

US Veterans Administration

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