

# The ABC's of ADVANCING the PROFESSION

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**UPGRADING WORKS  
IN PROGRESS**

**INCONVENIENCE CAUSED  
IS REGRETTED**

工作在進行中, 不便之處敬請原諒





# CREDENTIALS

- ACCS- Adult Critical Care Specialist
- NPS- Neonatal Pediatric Specialist
- SDS- Sleep Disorder Specialist
- RPFT- Registered Pulmonary Function Technician
- RRT- Registered Respiratory Therapist
- CRT- Certified Respiratory Therapist
- AEC- Asthma Educator Certification
- CTTS- Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist

# CREDENTIALS

- AS
- BS
- MS
- ???????????
- ARCP- ADVANCED RESPIRTORY CARE PRACTITIONER

# Resistance



**Hello I'm**

**BETTER  
THAN YOU**



# Different Does Not Make a Therapist Better

- CRT vs RRT
- AS vs BS
- Day shift vs Night shift
- USA vs JSU vs SAMFORD

# Respiratory Care PROFESSION

- LRT's
- CRT's
- RRT's
- COARC
- COBGRTE
- NBRC
- AARC
- ASBRT
- ASRC

# TEAMWORK

- At a state fair there was an event where horses were being hitched to wagons to see which horse could pull the most weight. Two horses pulled 9,000 pounds. They then hitched these two strongest horses together on the same wagon. The horses didn't pull 18,000 pounds – a mere doubling of their individual efforts. Instead, together, in true teamwork, they pulled 35,000 pounds.



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- The problem is not the knowledge base
- THE PROBLEM
  - Credentials for reimbursement
  - PA
  - CRNP

# NBRC

- January 2015
  - Combined CRT and WRRT exam to create TMC exam
  - Require CEU's for 5 year credential renewal
  
- FULL OPINION/RUMOR
- Next step will be to do away with CRT credential renewal

# COARC

- *Except as provided in the following sentence, an educational sponsor must be a post-secondary academic institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and authorized under applicable law or other acceptable authority to award graduates of the program a baccalaureate or graduate degree upon completion of the program. For programs that were accredited prior to January 1, 2018, an educational sponsor must be a post-secondary academic institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency that is recognized by the USDE and that is authorized under applicable law or other acceptable authority to award graduates of the program an associate or equivalent degree upon completion of the program.*

# COARC

- All AS or AAS degree programs will continue unless they lose their accreditation
- Only affects NEW PROGRAMS



# AARC

- BS degree RRT- entry level to the profession
- MS degree RRT- mid-level practitioner

# Mid-Level Practitioner

- Advanced Assessment skills
- Prescription privileges
- Practices Pulmonary Medicine independently under the supervision of a licensed physician

# State of Alabama

- Trenhom State CC
  - New AS program
- Jefferson State CC
  - New AS program
- Jacksonville State University
  - New BS program
  - New AS to BS degree completion program
  - Future growth
    - MS RT- Leadership
    - MS RT- Advanced Practitioner
- Samford University
  - New BS program
  - New AS to BS degree completion program
  - New MS program

LRT, CRT, RRT





- “I have a select group of RT’s that I trust completely to give full control of my patients. My fear is, WHO is coming after them?”

UAB Physician

OAK Tree.....100 years later



# What's In it for ME

- Better Preparation for the FUTURE
- AARC discount for first time credential exams
  - \$40.00
- Local Hospital
  - \$1.00/hr pay for each advanced credential



- If you BUILD it, they will come
- RESPECT
- REIMBURSEMENT
- RESPONSIBILITIES

# WHERE DO WE GROW FROM HERE

- RRT- entry level credential
- MS degree- Mid-level Practitioner
- Advanced “Specialist” Credentials
- AARC support
  - Membership
  - Congressional support
- New BS degree program support
- AS to BS degree completions
  - Respiratory Therapy
  - Health Care Management



To infinity  
and beyond...