



Welcome to the Missouri Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC) website, an official chartered affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). On behalf of the MSRC, we would like to thank every respiratory care professional (HealthCare Hero!) for their dedication to patients and the public, especially during these challenging COVID-19 times. We would also like to thank all those who have supported and continue to support us through these trying times.

While we all have known what an integral part of the health care community the Respiratory Professional is, the current pandemic has highlighted to other health care professionals and the public how important the respiratory care professional is to improving the quality of life and helping save the lives of our fellow human beings. This highlight brings a unique opportunity for the MSRC accomplish its goals while continuing to advocate for our patients, and each other.

The MSRC Boards is comprised of ALL volunteers from five districts covering the entire map of Missouri, focusing on the MSRC mission and purpose. The MSRC is always looking to increase engagement and membership to accomplish this mission, as we need all respiratory care professionals to be involved in what sparks their interests in helping reach our mission, vision and purpose.

To see if you are interested in joining the MSRC as a district or state representative, help with projects, or simply have ideas that fall into the scope of our work, please reach out to me by using the 'contact us' link on our website or email me directly. (contact info below) Either way, I will respond to you within a day of receiving your message!

MISSION AND VISION

The Missouri Society for Respiratory Care will be the national model among the State Professional Societies for Respiratory Care.

The MSRC will encourage and promote professional excellence, advance the science and practice of respiratory care, and serve as an advocate for patients, their families, the public, the profession, and the respiratory therapist.



PURPOSE

1. Encourage, develop and provide, on a regional basis, educational programs for those persons interested in respiratory therapy and diagnostics, hereinafter referred to as Respiratory Care.
2. Use all methods and procedures appropriate to advance the science, technology, ethics, and art of respiratory care.
3. Facilitate cooperation and understanding among respiratory care personnel and the medical profession, allied health professionals, hospitals, service companies, industry, government organizations, and other agencies interested in respiratory care.
4. Raise public awareness of respiratory care, the MSRC, and pulmonary health promotion and disease prevention.

On another note, I remember prior to my involvement with the MSRC, being slightly confused on how the MSRC is different from the various respiratory professional organizations with similar sounding acronyms. Here is a brief differentiation for you of the most common respiratory organizations that are easy to confuse.

- **The Missouri Board for Respiratory Care (MBRC)** is responsible for developing, implementing and administering the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the Respiratory Care Practice Act. These regulations include establishing the requirements for licensure, continuing education, as well as the ethical standards of practice for respiratory care practitioners. The Board is also be responsible for investigating complaints related to the practice of respiratory care. Of note, during the COVID pandemic, the MBRC board relaxed regulations for therapists outside of Missouri wanting to come to Missouri to practice during this time.
 - For more information: <https://pr.mo.gov/respiratorycare.asp>
- **The National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)** promotes excellence in respiratory care by awarding credentials based on high competency standards and the passing of NCCA- accredited exams. They also campaign, such as bringing public awareness to the profession by sharing stories of who we are, and promoting the specialized skill set each respiratory professional brings to the health care team. The NBRC has also supported the profession with policy changes to assist practitioners during these uncertain times with no cost credential verifications and credential expiration extensions.
 - For more information: <https://www.nbrc.org/about/>



- **The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)** is the leading national and international professional association for respiratory care. The AARC encourages and promotes professional excellence, advances the science and practice of respiratory care, and serves as an advocate for patients and their families, the public, the profession and the respiratory therapist. They also support our state affiliates, such as the MSRC, and we align much of our local work with the AARC's. To be aware of all the wonderful work the AARC accomplishes for our profession, being a member allows you to see this firsthand and supports the continued work the AARC performs.
 - For more information: <https://www.aarc.org/aarc/us/>

Please consider as mentioned above, that the **MSRC** is run completely by volunteers. We all do this because we are passionate about this profession and can only improve with active engagement from members as yourself. Therefore, I therefore encourage you to share this information with your respiratory peers and colleagues to promote each other to join the AARC who as respiratory professionals we benefit from, and the MSRC relies on to help meet our mission.

- The benefits to joining the AARC are plenty, and can be found here: <http://appserver.aarc.org/WEB/MemberApp/Home/MemberApp/>
- To share feedback, reach out by using the "CONTACT US" tab on our MOSRC page here: <http://www.mosrc.org/contact-us.html> or send me an email
- Join our social media here:
 - MSRC LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/58466960/admin/>
 - MSRC Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/32986620782?view=group>

Stay well Health Care Respiratory Heroes and those who support us and Stay Strong!

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