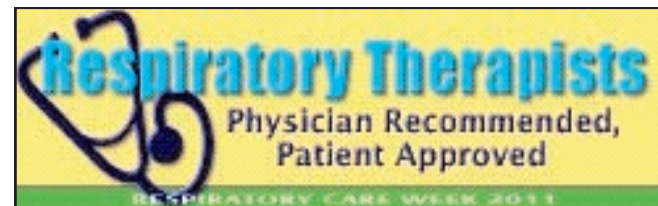


Upcoming Events

- **October 7, 2011** — The Latest Advances in Diabetes Management, Corbin Technology & Community Activities Center—Corbin, Ky *For more information or to register visit: www.soahec.org*
- **October 14-16, 2011**— 13th Annual Sleep Medicine Conference - Holiday Inn Hurstbourne, Louisville, KY for more information visit: <http://kyss.org/>
- **October 23–29, 2011** — Respiratory Care Week 2011 — www.aarc.org/rcweek



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Presidents Corner

Hello Kentucky Members! It is my hope that you have had a great summer and maybe have taken a little bit of “me” time to vacation and rest. With fall comes the promise of cooler temperatures and brighter colors, as well as increases in most of our loads at medical facilities. It is easy to wish that the lazy days of summer will return when we get overloaded with patients and problems, but I challenge you this fall to think back to why you wanted to become a respiratory therapist and channel that energy back into your mind and heart.

Remember when you started your training and someone asked you why you wanted to be a therapist and your answer was that you wanted to “help people?” Every patient you see is one that can be inspired for better breathing.

This year the theme for Respiratory Care Week (October 23-29, 2011) is:



My challenge to all state members is that we would strive to make this theme a reality. Show the physicians you care about your job and your role as a therapist and make sure patients approve of the work you do and see you as an asset to their care by giving a little extra! A caring attitude can go a long way! I’m looking forward to seeing you on the beaten path!

- Rebecca Higdon,
2011 KSRC President

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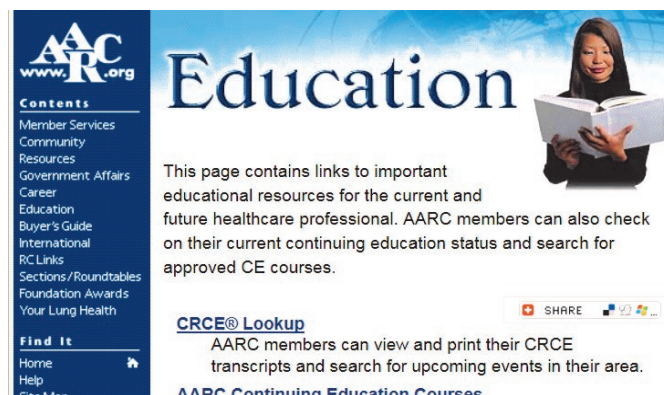
What therapists need to know.

A few interesting news points and updates.

- Last fall at the KSRC State meeting and other respiratory venues across the state you may have participated in the Drive 4 COPD campaign by taking a short survey. The campaign is still active but has taken a twist to generate more knowledge about COPD. A project called Adopt-a-Company will bring respiratory therapists in contact with local businesses to help them understand how COPD affects their work force and what they can do to make a difference. Begin now by identifying a company in your local area. You adopt them and give them health information, schedule an on-site screening this fall, and provide them with important information that will help bring a focus on COPD to their wellness programs and health risk assessments. See the DRIVE4COPD.com website to learn how you can participate in this event.



- By-laws for the KSRC have been approved by the AARC Board of Directors and are up for approval on the KSRC website. Go to KSRC.org and click on vote here. You will be given the opportunity to click on “view the proposed by-laws” and “vote for by-laws and nominees.” It is important that you vote and the Board of Directors also welcome your feedback. You can contact me by email at rebecca.higdon@kctcs.edu if you have concerns regarding the proposal or any other Kentucky society issues.



- Did you know AARC members can receive FREE CEU's on line? Go to AARC.org website. Click on Education. Click on AARC Continuing Education Courses to see what is available. You will sign in with your AARC membership number at check out and will not be charged a fee to access the course.

Understanding the Continuing Education Requirements

“I can’t believe they don’t count. I paid \$50 for those CEU’s! Unfortunately this is what we frequently heard at the KBRC this year. Many people were surprised and upset that the continuing education they had obtained would not count toward their renewal.

Continuing educational is a vital element in the regulation of professional boards. The KBRC requires 24 continuing educational units for mandatory certificate renewal every two years. By law, the CEU’s must be obtained by Dec. 31st of the renewal cycle in which your mandatory certificate expires. This means that if your mandatory certificate expires Jan. 30, 2012 you have to obtain your CEU’s by Dec. 31, 2011. The law also defines what is considered a relevant CEU offering.

After this past renewal cycle the KBRC decided it was time to change the regulation to make the entire CEU process more clear. If passed 201 KAR 29:050 will be revised to make clear the method of acquiring CEU’s, the procedure for pre-approval of a CEU by a sponsor, the procedure for post- approval by an individual, the responsibilities of the certificate holder and the audit process.

In a nutshell, to receive credit for a course,

it must be approved by either the KBRC or the AARC. Approval by the KBRC can be done by the “sponsor” before the offering or after the offering by a certificate holder that has attended a class or a conference that was not pre-approved by the KBRC. The audit process has been changed to, among other things, increase the percent of audited practitioners from a maximum of 15% to a minimum of 15%.

Another issue we had this year was that some companies were advertising “Kentucky” approved CEU’s that were not valid and in fact had not been turned in to the KBRC for approval. Always make sure the courses are approved before you take them. Go to www.kbrc.ky.gov for a list of all approved courses.

I hope this information will help you be more prepared for you renewal. As always, if you have any questions you can contact us at the KBRC.

Tamara McDaniel, Chair
KBRC

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