

## **CSRT and CTS announce new partnership**

A recent memorandum of understanding signed by the [Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists](#) (CSRT) and the [Canadian Thoracic Society](#) (CTS) establishes a formal partnership that will be key to achieving the two organizations' mutual goals. As the national professional association for respiratory therapists in Canada, the CSRT provides leadership that advances the profession, practice and understanding of respiratory therapy nationally and internationally. As Canada's national inter-professional specialty society for respirology, the Canadian Thoracic Society promotes lung health by enhancing the ability of healthcare professionals through leadership, collaboration, research, learning and advocacy, and providing the best respiratory practices in Canada.

The agreement opens the doors to creative ways of collaborating that benefit the membership of both organizations. The new partnership will provide the opportunity for CSRT registered members to join the [Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals](#) (CRHP), the multidisciplinary healthcare assembly of the CTS, at a discounted membership rate and receive CTS member benefits such as an online subscription to the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine*, access to educational webinars and clinical practice resources and tools. The agreement also establishes opportunities for the CSRT to engage with the CTS in clinical practice guidelines development. Already, the CSRT has begun collaborating with the CTS in the development of guidelines on home mechanical ventilation and on adult obstructive sleep apnea with official representation on the guideline panels.

The CSRT and the CTS see these initiatives as first steps towards wider collaboration between the organizations. Future opportunities may, for instance, include co-development of educational offerings where there exists mutual interest amongst both memberships.

Current members of CRHP will renew their joint membership through the CSRT to receive the discounted membership rate.

For further information how to join the CTS through the CSRT, please send an email with your enquiry to [membership@csrt.com](mailto:membership@csrt.com) or [info@cts-sct.ca](mailto:info@cts-sct.ca)

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