

The 43rd Annual NYSSRC Symposium 2025



Come join us at
Vernon Downs Casino and Hotel in Vernon, New York
Thursday & Friday, September 18 & 19, 2025

NYSSRC Annual Symposium Program Committee

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Application is being made to the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for 10 continuing education contact hours (CRCEs) for respiratory therapists

Our Program Faculty

Plenary Sessions	
Garry Kauffman MPA, RRT, FAARC, FACHE	Manager at Kauffman Consulting, LLC <i>AARC Safe and Effective Staffing Guide</i> Project Leader <i>Respiratory Care</i> Reviewer
Miriam O'Day, BA	Senior Vice President, Government Relations American Association for Respiratory Care
David Vines PhD, MHS, RRT, FAARC, FCCP	Associate Dean of Clinical Integration; Chairperson, Department of Cardiopulmonary Sciences; Program Director, Respiratory Care MS Rush University, Chicago IL
Guest Speakers	
Claire Aloia MS, RRT, RRT-NPS, FAARC	AARC APEX Committee Co-Chair Senior Clinical Patient Trainer, Baxter Hillrom
Kellie Carroll MPA, RRT	Assessment Coordinator National Board for Respiratory Care
Brandi Ewing MSRC, RRT, RRT-NPS, RRT-ACCS, AE-C	President, NYSSRC Regional Director, Respiratory Services, St. Joseph's Health and St. Peter's Health Partners, Syracuse NY and Albany NY
Victoria Habet, MD	CICU Attending Physician Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
Viren Kaul MD, FACP, FCCP	Chief of Medicine, Crouse Health Associate Program Director, IM Residency and PCCM Fellowship Asst. Professor of Medicine, OB/GYN, and Respiratory Therapy Upstate Medical University/Norton College of Medicine, Syracuse, NY
John Kheir, MD	Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School; Founding Director, Heart Center Translational Research Lab Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
Keith Lamb RRT, RRT-ACCS, FAARC, FCCM	Executive Director – Inspire Respiratory Critical Care Care Specialist, Lecturer
Carolyn La Vita MHA, RRT, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS	Director of Respiratory Care Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Maria Rudd MBA-HC, RRT, CDPE, CNP	Respiratory Therapist Supervisor Bridgewater Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Binghamton, NY
Bradley Sexauer MBA, RRT-NPS	Clinical Education Specialist Sentec
Cornelius Shea BS, RRT	Clinical Educator Aerogen, Inc
George Slavinski RRT, RRT-ACCS, RRT-RPFT	ALS Respiratory Coordinator Respiratory Care Services / ALS Clinic Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time		
7:30-8:00	Registration and exhibits	
8:00	Brandi Ewing, RRT NYSSRC President Address and Awards Claire Aloan, RRT APEX Awards	
	Plenary sessions	
8:30	Miriam O’Day Senior Vice President Government Affairs – AARC Sponsored by AARC	
9:30-10:15	Break/Exhibits	
10:15	David Vines, RRT Good to Great: Advancing the Practice of Respiratory Care Due to Healthcare System Changes Sponsored by Russell A. Acevedo MD Healthcare Consultant	
11:15	Garry Kauffman, RRT Practicing Evidence Based Respiratory Care to Establish the Value of Respiratory Therapists Sponsored by Monaghan Medical Corp	
12:15-1:30 1:00-1:30	Lunch / Exhibits <i>NYSSRC Student and New Graduates Welcome Reception</i>	
Breakout Sessions		
Time	Room 1	Room 2
1:30	Viren Kaul, MD Evidence Update in Use of HHFNC Across the Spectrum of Healthcare Systems Sponsored by F&P	Victoria Habet, MD Hydrogen-FAST: Application of Hydrogen During E-CPR in Children with Congenital Heart Disease Sponsored by Boston Children’s Hospital
2:30	Bradley Sexauer, RRT IPV Therapy to Restore Vital Capacity: Clinical Scenarios and Outcomes Sponsored by Sentec	John Kheir, MD Systemically Injected Oxygen Sponsored by Boston Children’s Hospital
3:30	George Slavinski, RRT ALS and Respiratory Care Interventions	Cornelius Shea, RRT Little Lungs, Big Problems: Utilizing High Performance Aerosol Delivery in Pediatrics Sponsored by Aerogen
4:30	Turn in evaluations and pick up certificate (Thursday only attendees)	
4:30	Happy Hour Reception - Sputum Bowl – Live Music	

Friday, September 19, 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker	
7:30-8:15	Registration and Exhibits	
8:15	Carolyn La Vita, RRT The Role of the RT in Mass Respiratory Failure Scenarios Sponsored by Nihon Kohden	
9:15	David Vines, RRT APRT Now and How Do We Grow the Role Nationally Sponsored by Russell A. Acevedo MD Healthcare Consultant	
10:15-10:45	Break and Exhibits	
10:45	Keith Lamb, RRT Current Trends in Respiratory Critical Care	Maria Rudd, RRT Hospital to Home: Respiratory Therapist Navigating the Transition to Home Ventilator Care
11:45	Kellie Carroll, RRT Excellence Defines Us – An Update from the NBRC Sponsored by NBRC	
12:45	Certificate Distribution	

Registration is available online only at www.nyssrc.org

Conference registration fees:		
<i>Non-members *</i>	<i>AARC Members**</i>	<i>Students/Seniors***</i>
Two-day fee: \$300.00	Two-day fee: \$200.00	Two-day fee: \$90.00
Thursday only: \$240.00	Thursday only: \$140.00	Thursday only: \$65.00
Friday only: \$150.00	Friday only: \$60.00	Friday only: \$25.00

* Non-member rates include AARC membership

** AARC members who are **active military** are admitted at no charge, with military ID

***Senior fees require senior AARC membership

Payment can be made via institutional check or debit/credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, or American Express through our secure online payment processing. **PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

A late fee of \$25 will be applied after September 8th, 2025.

NYSSRC advises all registrants that the final program is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances involving committed speakers



Rooms have been blocked at the rate of \$79/night in the Hotel for Wednesday 9/17/25 and Thursday 9/18/25.

For room reservations, call 315-829-6870

You must ask for the NYSSRC room rate to get this discounted rate and reservations must be made by August 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM to get the discounted rate.