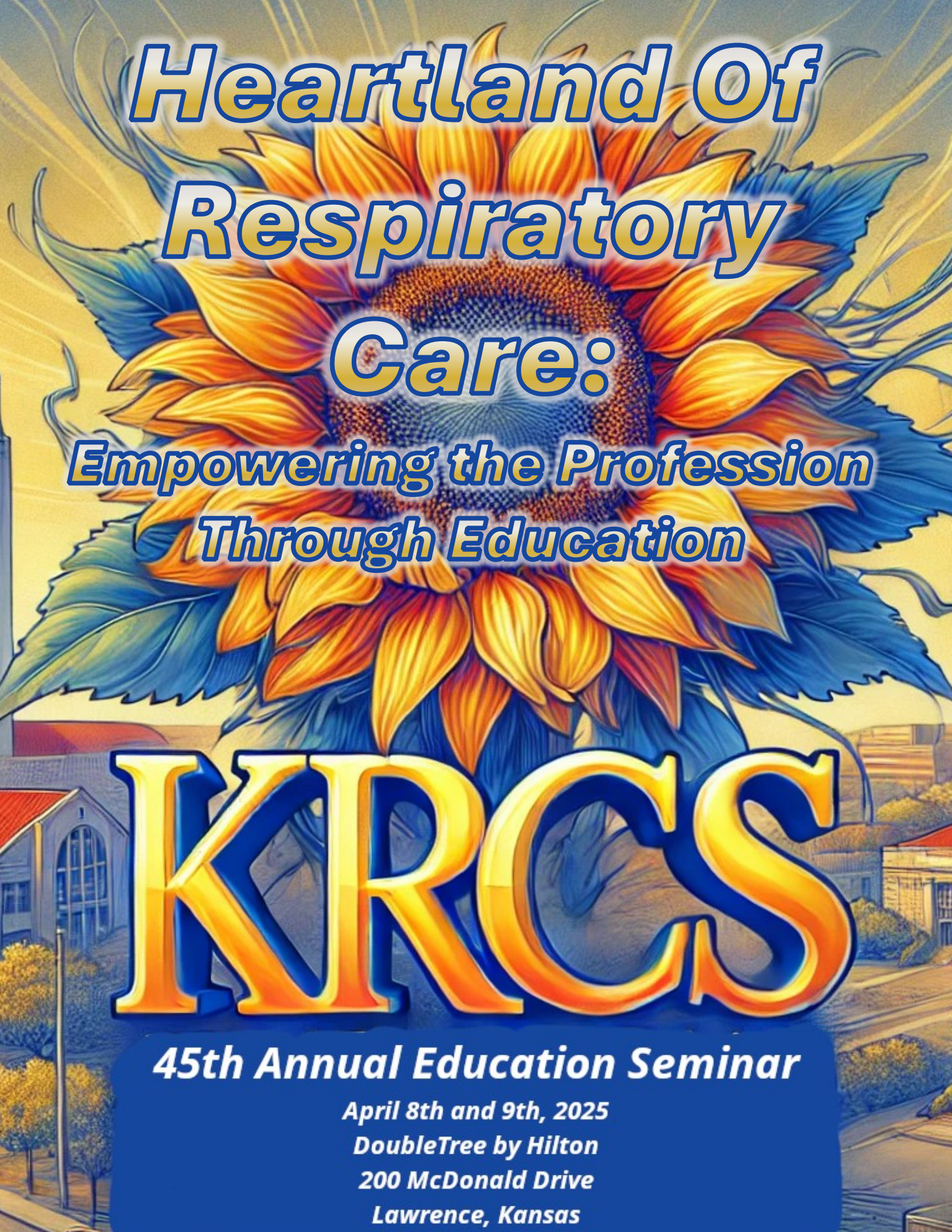
Heartland Of Respiratory Care:
Empowering the Profession Through Education
KRCS
45th Annual Education Seminar
April 8th and 9th, 2025
DoubleTree by Hilton
200 McDonald Drive
Lawrence, Kansas

Schedule

Tuesday, April 8th

07:00-07:50 **Registration and light Breakfast will be served**
07:50-08:00 Welcome—Charity Clark, President
08:00-08:50 Garry Kauffman "Practicing Evidence Based Respiratory Care to Establish the Value of Respiratory Therapists"
08:50-09:40 Amanda Schurle Bruce, "CF Post Lung Transplant, Behavioral Interventions For Treatment Adherence, Depression, Stress/Anxiety"
09:40-09:55 Break
09:55-10:45 Karen Schell "Mentoring Future Professionals"
10:45-11:35 Dr. Nancy Steward, "Sleep Medicine"
11:35-11:45 Therapist of the Year
11:45-13:35 Vendor Reception and Lunch
13:35-14:25 Lori Tinkler "Excellence Defines Us - An Update from the NBRC"
14:25-15:15 Joe Lewis "Occlusion Pressure: Are you listening to your mechanically ventilated patients?"
15:15-15:30 Daily Closing announcements
15:30-17:00 Student Reception
Grant White—Student Experience at AARC Congress & HOD Meeting
Quick & Dirty Version of Sputum Bowl
18:00-?? Optional Evening Networking Events:
Mass Street Event
Hotel Lounge/Restaurant Networking
Vendor Educational Dinners (RSVP Required with Vendor)

Wednesday, April 9th

07:00-07:50 Registration and light Breakfast will be served
07:50-08:00 Welcome and Announcements, Julia Downs, President-Elect
08:00-08:50 Scott Reistad "Dealing with Difficult People"
08:50-09:40 Darrell Puls "Why Inhaled Prostaglandins May Be The Favorable Choice Over Inhaled INO In The ARDS Setting."
09:40-09:55 Break
09:55-10:45 Ashley Barry, "The Role of Sleep as a Mediator of Inflammation in Pulmonary Disease"
10:45-11:35 Mary Anne Hammond "Autism Recognition & Response in Trauma"
11:35-12:05 **Break/Box Lunch at your table**
12:05-12:55 Melissa Gulizia "Tracheostomy Tubes: Navigating the Path Post Placement"
12:55-13:45 Dr Anwar K. Jones "PPHN Newborns"
13:45-14:00 Closing and CEU certificates
14:30-17:00 Board of Directors Meeting

Continuing Education

This program is approved for 12 hours (6 on Tuesday and 6 on Wednesday) of Kansas Respiratory Continuing Education, by the Kansas Respiratory Care Society, a chartered affiliate of the AARC. Approval of 10 CRCE by the AARC is pending. All participants are required to sign-in for each morning and afternoon session and can pick up their certificates of attendance at the conclusion of the seminar. Prorated education hours may be obtained each day for those participants leaving prior to the end of the conference. **No money will be refunded to participants who leave early.**

Vender Recognition

It is through the generous contributions of vendors that we are able to provide this seminar. The vendors help offset the cost of speakers and special events such as the student reception and social event. Be sure to thank your sales representatives for their support of this years event.

Vendor Reception

Join us for our annual vendor reception. Peruse the vendors hall for state-of-the-art ventilators and equipment.
Food and drinks will be served.
Doors open at 11:35 and will remain open until 13:35 when the next speaker begins.
Please spend time with our vendors and tell them thank you for their support.

Registration & Cancellation

Advance registration through April 4th, comes with a registration discount. You need to register online at krcs.org. You can pay worry-free with any credit card or through PayPal. Late registration at the door will require you to fill out the registration form and bring with you to the door. Advanced online registration will end Friday, April 4, 2025.
A full refund will be granted to those requesting a refund prior to March 30, 2025. A cancellation received on or after March 30, 2025 will be subject to a $30.00 processing fee.

The content of the conference is subject to change without notice.

Faculty

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Clinical Assistant Professor
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Director of Respiratory Therapy and Pulmonary Program
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals

Mary Anne Hammond, BS
Community Education Coordinator
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Dr. Anwar K. Jones, MD, FAAP
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
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Dr. Nancy Stewart, DO
Pulmonologist and Sleep Medicine
University of Kansas Medical Center

Lori Tinkler, MBA, ICE-CCP
Chief Executive Officer
The National Board for Respiratory Care

Objectives

1. Characterize the value of the Respiratory Therapist in terms of documentable quality, service, patient experience, and cost outcomes.
2. Demonstrate our value as grounded in linking the RT with scientifically validated services, devices, and protocols.
3. Identify the knowledge, skills and competencies essential to demonstrating our roles as valued health care provider.
4. Define the steps to becoming an effective mentor.
5. State when and where to start mentoring.
6. Understand and apply interventions post trach placement to support trach weaning and management.
7. Explain the role of the interdisciplinary teams in trach weaning and management.
8. Define the NBRC's role in the profession.
9. Discuss updates to the credentialing system.
10. Define occlusion pressure.
11. Identify the value of occlusion pressure during the weaning process.
12. Recognize the value of occlusion pressure during mechanical ventilation.
13. Equip yourself to effectively deal with difficult people.
14. Recognize common traits of difficult people.
15. Providing successful strategies to partner with difficult people.
16. Understand why inhaled prostaglandins may be the favored choice over inhaled INO in the ARDS setting patient.
17. Describe the contraindications to epoprostenol administration.
18. Describe one way to make an environment more sensory-friendly for someone with autism.
19. Explain why repetitive behaviors of someone with autism are often present in an emergency and the best way to respond.
20. Identify the role that sleep plays in the regulation of inflammation.
21. Discuss sleep as a modifiable risk factor in the management of chronic lung disease.

Announcements

Tuesday Evening

Join us on Mass Street for a team lead Scavenger hunt. Chose up teams and then you'll be off to find KU, Mass Street, RT, and other items, complete team building challenges

We hope to get 3 or more teams together with approximate 10 on a team. The first team to find everything on their list and have picture evidence of completing the challenges Will win the prize that is yet to be determined, plus bragging rights.

Do you really need anymore than to be the best?

This is a chance to get out and socialize and network with your fellow RTs across the state of Kansas. Find out what they have been doing.

If you are not the Mass Street type—some of the venders will be having educational dinners that some of you may attend and learn more about there products/services.

You will have to register at their booth during the vendor show.

Student Activities

Student Reception

Tuesday night:
Students are invited to meet at 15:30 in ballroom
To be announced.

Old fashioned sputum bowl
For those of you too young to remember the sputum bowl is the Respiratory Therapy version of the Scholastic Bowl, Hi-Q Bowl, or Knowledge Bowl. Make up teams of students and the moderator will give you questions to buzz in to answer. So put together some teams and study your RT History, formulas, pathology, anatomy and ventilator management.

We will also have a presentation from KU senior Grant White our 2024 Jeff Scobee Leadership Development Award Winner. Grant will be discussing the opportunity to attend the AARC House of Delegates meeting at the National Convention.

The KRCS offers 3 scholarship/awards for Students and recent grads. Check out the website for additional information.
https://www.krcs.org/educationalscholarships

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Announcements

Thank You!

The Kansas Respiratory Care Society humbly expresses our thanks and gratitude for your service, sacrifice, and dedication to your patients and co-workers! Words cannot possibly convey how much we appreciate you and how well you represent our profession.

Thank You!

The Environment

The temperature is difficult to control. For your comfort we suggest you bring a jacket. No smoking is allowed. We request that you turn your pagers and/or cell phones to vibrate or off. This is an adult learning environment; therefore, children are not allowed at the conference.

Accommodations

The KRCS has special pricing at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 200 N McDonald Road, Lawrence KS 66044, (800)-222-TREE. Reservations can be made with the link above. Deadline is Midnight March 24, 2025 to register. Prices will return to normal after March 24.

Hotel guest will have a full breakfast option. We will have a light Breakfast and lunch will be served

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Celebrate the 45th Annual KRCS Education Seminar with a Special Edition T-Shirt!

Welcome to the **45th Annual KRCS Conference!** We're excited to offer you a unique way to commemorate this milestone with a **special edition t-shirt**, created exclusively for this year's event in **Lawrence, Kansas**.

These **Gildan short-sleeve shirts** are made from **100% preshrunk cotton** and fit **true to size** for all-day comfort. The front features a **custom design celebrating the 45th conference**, and you can choose from three great colors:
Royal Blue Red or **White**

How to Order

Place your order online using the link or **scan the QR code below**. Orders placed by **11:00 pm on March 25th, 2025** will be ready for **pick-up at the conference**.

After March 25th, prices increase by $5 per shirt — so don't wait!

Not Attending the Conference?

No problem! You can also **have your shirt shipped directly to you** for an additional **$5 shipping fee**.

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