NBRC: Past, Present, Future

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The NBRC – Who, What, How

- Was originally formed in November 1960 to credential respiratory therapists
- Has supported the profession through development of national credentials for 50+ years
- Acts to ensure the continued recognition and value of the national credentials
The NBRC is sponsored by four professional organizations...

- American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)
- American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP)
- American Thoracic Society (ATS)
- American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)
NBRC Board of Trustees

• AARC 15 respiratory therapists
• ACCP (CHEST) 5 physicians
• ASA 5 physicians
• ATS 5 physicians
• The NBRC also elects one public member to complete the 31-member governing body
NBRC upholds leading standards for credentialing respiratory care professionals

- Maintains membership in the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE)
- Assures the credentialing programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)
  - The NBRC was one of the first 4 groups to obtain NCCA accreditation and is the only certifying body to continuously maintain its accreditation since 1977.
NBRC Credentials are Standards of Excellence

- Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT)
- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)
- Certified Pulmonary Function Technologist (CPFT)
- Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist (RPFT)
- Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialist (CRT-NPS or RRT-NPS)
- Sleep Disorders Specialist (CRT-SDS or RRT – SDS)
- Adult Critical Care Specialty Examination (RRT-ACCS)
NBRC Credentialing Examinations

• Daily testing by computer Monday-Saturday
• Two sessions per day - 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
• Offered at over 200 Assessment Centers throughout the country and 100 international locations
• Locations and maps for driving directions are available on the NBRC’s website: www.nbrc.org
Application Process

• School confirms graduation (EED)
• Candidate may apply, pay examination fee, receive eligibility confirmation and schedule a testing appointment in one online session at www.nbrc.org
Candidates Receive Instant Examination Results on the Test Date

- Final score report issued upon leaving the Assessment Center
- Candidate photos printed on the score report
- Reapplication instructions provided if needed
Examination Results

• The NBRC shares examination results with states using the entry-level CRT Examination for licensure

• The NBRC also shares examination results with accredited education programs and the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)
NBRC Credentials are recognized by ....

• State licensure agencies
  – Currently, 47 states regulating respiratory care practice recognize the CRT credential as the requisite credential for demonstrating competence at beginning practice. Two (2) states – California and Ohio - require the RRT credential for initial licensure.
## Total Number of Credentials Issued to Date

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Continuing Competency Program
Effective July 1, 2002

• CE Credit – 30 hours/5 years
• Pass examination for highest credential
• Pass examination not previously completed
Continuing Competency Program
Requirements

• CE Credit – 30 hours/5 years
  – AARC CRCE approved courses
  – Respiratory care specific courses approved for state license renewal/continuing education

• Pass examination for highest credential held
• Pass examination not previously completed
CCP Continuing Education Submission

• Online process at www.nbrc.org
• Random audit
• Simple and easy
• Can renew via CE up until the day before credential expires
Judicial & Ethics Policies

• NBRC protects the public and the profession through the Judicial & Ethics Committee

• The Judicial & Ethics Committee takes action against people who:
  – violate testing rules
  – misuse credential trademarks
  – commit practice-related offenses or serious crimes
  – have their state license revoked or suspended
Other NBRC Activities

• Annual active status renewal allows CRTs, RRTs, CRT-NPS, RRT-NPS, CRT-SDS, RRT-SDS, RRT-ACCS, CPFTs and RPFTs to certify active practice under medical direction
  – Quarterly newsletter- NBRC HORIZONS
  – NBRC Directory of active credentialed practitioners
  – Online, searchable directory of all credentialed practitioners
  – Purchase products at reduced fees (i.e., pins, patches, credential verification letters)
What’s New at the NBRC?

• Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination:
  ▪ New exam implemented January 2015

• CSE Examination:
  ▪ Changes implemented January 2015

• PFT Examination:
  ▪ Exam implemented in June 2015

• Recertification Commission
How the TMC is Performing

TMC First-Time Candidate Pass Rate

- High Cut
- Low Cut

- 1/30: 88.9% (N=488)
- 2/28: 87.3% (N=836)
- 3/30: 85.2% (N=1244)
- 4/30: 84.4% (N=1527)
- 5/30: 88.3% (N=3154)
- 6/30: 87.7% (N=4586)
- 7/30: 87.2% (N=5323)
- 8/30: 86.7% (N=6023)
- 9/30: 85.8% (N=6448)
- 10/30: 85.4% (N=6814)
- 11/30: 85.1% (N=7017)
- 12/31: 85.0% (N=7515)

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- 2/28: 79.7% (N=836)
- 3/30: 77.3% (N=1244)
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How the CSE is Performing

CSE First-Time Candidate Pass Rate

63.4% 55.9% 55.5% 54.7% 58.5% 59.9% 58.6% 58.3% 57.6% 56.8% 56.3% 55.8%

1/30 (N=243) 2/28 (N=572) 3/30 (N=921) 4/30 (N=1275) 5/30 (N=2046) 6/30 (N=3415) 7/30 (N=4237) 8/30 (N=4664) 9/30 (N=4969) 10/30 (N=5248) 11/30 (N=5473) 12/31 (N=6423)
Questions?
How to Contact the NBRC...

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Thank You!