



COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

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*Invitation to Participate in a
Conference Call with Respiratory Therapists (RTs)
Working in Ontario Family Health Teams (FHTs)*

Time: 12 noon – 1 PM
Date: April 3, 2013
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Introduction: The CRTO Strategic Plan 2011-2016, includes the following: *Strategic Direction 2: Ensure that regulatory mechanisms, including legislation, regulations and policies are in place to enable RTs to optimize their scope and ensure that any regulatory barriers are addressed.*

In order to begin to meet this direction, the College has embarked on a project aimed at optimizing the scope of practice of Respiratory Therapy in Ontario. Looking ahead at the next 15 years, we're working to identify the trends, directions and developments in health care that will shape and define our future health care environment. With that vision in mind, our aim is to identify the skills and competencies that RTs will need in order to continue to meet the needs of patients and their families in the years ahead, and to identify what changes will be required to enable this evolution of the profession.

As part of this initiative, we have contracted a consultant, Paulette Blais, to undertake research and consultation with stakeholders across Ontario. You are invited to participate in a conference call she will be moderating with RTs working in FHTs, focusing on the following questions:

1. What are the activities RTs are most often engaged in in FHTs (spirometry, health education, chronic respiratory disease management etc.)?
2. What role(s) do RTs currently have in FHTs? (employed as RTs or CREs etc.?)
3. How does the role of RTs in FHTs optimize their scope of practice?
4. What are the enablers/barriers to RTs working in FHTs?
5. What do you think will be the future trends for RTs working in FHTs / other roles outside of acute care?
6. Are there any changes needed regarding the education of RTs to develop required competencies and/or provide clinical experience needed for new grads to work in community care?
7. Do you have any recommendations regarding how RT scope of practice can be optimized to meet the health care needs of Ontarians?

If you plan to participate, please RSVP to: CRTOscope@crto.on.ca. If you are unable to participate in the call, but would like to provide input by providing responses to the questions above, these can also be sent to the e-mail address indicated.

Your input is valuable to the College and your participation very appreciated.

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