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Membership Handbook

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MICHIGAN SOCIETY  
FOR  
RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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## *THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPY (MSRT)*

The Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy (MSRT) is a chartered affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy (AART). It is a non-profit organization and is operated, voluntarily, by respiratory therapy practitioners elected to office by the membership at large.

The primary purpose of the MSRT is to represent the best interest of those individuals practicing respiratory therapy in the State of Michigan. This diverse area ranges from the development and initiation of needed legislation to the protection and insurance of the profession of respiratory therapy in order to provide quality educational programs to its members, as well as others interested in the study and/or practice of respiratory care.

Historically, respiratory therapy pioneers from Michigan were instrumental in the development of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy (AART). They provided the initial steps to form the Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy (MSRT), formerly the Michigan Society for Inhalation Therapy (MSIT), which was changed to reflect its present name in 1972. In 1956, the MSRT became the second chartered affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy. Since its inception, the MSRT contributed to the development of the American Registry of Respiratory Therapy (ARRT) along with the Technician Certification Board (TCB).

Striving for excellence in respiratory care led the MSRT to become one of the first chapters to initiate annual seminars and local educational forums for its members as well as for others interested in quality respiratory patient care.

Although continued education is one of the goals of the MSRT, the society also provides leadership to its members by influencing standards for the practice of respiratory care, providing legislative input and promoting respiratory care through public relations efforts. The MSRT serves as the focal point for communication and development of programs with other professional health care organizations within the state. It has and will continue to sponsor and participate in educational programs for other medical and health care members. To improve itself and the AART, since both are representing respiratory care practitioners, the MSRT demonstrates its dedication toward promoting the highest professional standards, achievements, and opportunities for its membership. Through its efforts, the health care needs of the people of Michigan are better served.

## OPERATION OF THE MSRT

The operational functions of the Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy is the result of voluntary activities performed by the elected official of the MSRT Executive Council and House of Representatives. Any active member of the MSRT may be nominated by any other active member of the MSRT for any available position. The elected positions are as follows:

Executive Council		House of Representatives		
Office	Term(yrs)	District	Term(yrs)	*Number of Representatives
President .....	1	I	2	1
President-Elect .....	1	II	2	1
1st Vice-President .....	2	III	2	2
2nd Vice-President .....	2	IV	2	1
Secretary .....	2	V	2	1
Treasurer .....	2	VI	2	1
AART Delegate .....	1	VII	2	2
AART Alternate Delegate ..	1	VIII	2	1
		IX	2	9
		X	2	3

\* Number of representatives is based on the number of active members in each district

In addition, the MSRT has numerous committees which assist with the operation of the society. These committees are chaired by active MSRT members who are appointed by the President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for their respective body. Committee members are then chosen by the appointed chairperson of the committee. These committees are as follows:

**Executive Council**  
**— Committees**

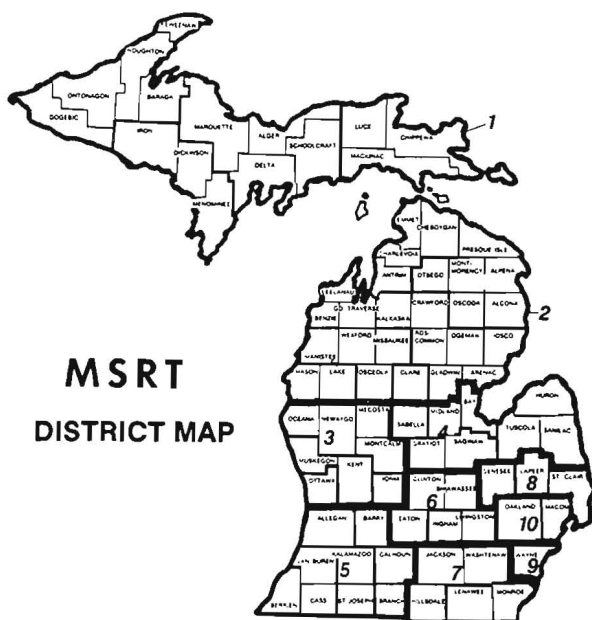
Publications  
Membership  
Educational  
Program  
Industrial Relations  
Scholarship  
Legislation  
Political Action  
Public Relations  
Professional Practice

**House of Representatives**  
**— Committees**

Budget and Audit  
Bylaws  
Election and Voting  
House Rules  
Judicial  
Finance  
Long-Range Planning  
Nominations  
Sergeant-At-Arms\*

\* The Sergeant-At-Arms is not a committee, but an individual appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to keep order during House meetings.

To serve its membership efficiently, the MSRT divided the State of Michigan into ten (10) districts. The districts are grouped by counties. The number of representatives from each district is determined by the number of active members within each district. One (1) representative is elected for every thirty-five (35) active members or major fraction thereof.



## MSRT DISTRICT MAP

- District I    Upper Peninsula
- District II    All counties north of Mason, Lake,  
Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, and  
south of the Straits of Mackinac
- District III    Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Muskegon,  
Montcalm, Ionia, Kent, and Ottawa
- District IV    Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, Saginaw, Bay,  
Midland, Gratiot, and Isabella
- District V    Barry, Allegan, Van Buren, Kalamazoo,  
Calhoun, Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, and  
Berrien
- District VI    Clinton, Shiawassee, Eaton, Ingham, and  
Livingston
- District VII    Jackson, Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Lenawee,  
and Monroe
- District VIII    Genesee, Lapeer, and St. Clair
- District IX    Wayne
- District X    Macomb and Oakland



## HUMAN RESOURCE SURVEY

At the end of 1982, MSRT Membership totaled fourteen-hundred, including active, associate and student members. To obtain information regarding our profession, the AART conducted a population survey of respiratory therapy departments in U.S. hospitals in late 1981 and early 1982. The data was extracted from the AART report, which was developed to include information relevant to the State of Michigan.

Of a total of 232 questionnaires that were sent to various health care institutions throughout Michigan, 104 (44.4%) were returned. Although much information was provided to the MSRT, the following extractions are felt to be of high interest:

1. Is it appropriate for RT's to transcribe verbal orders for drugs and procedures relating specifically to the RT services they provide?

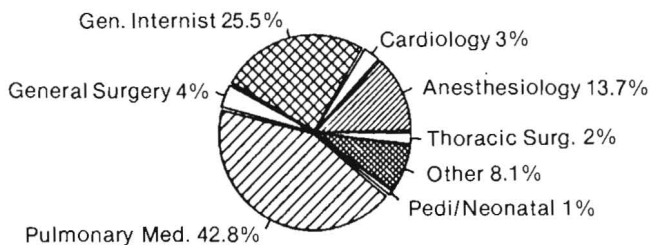
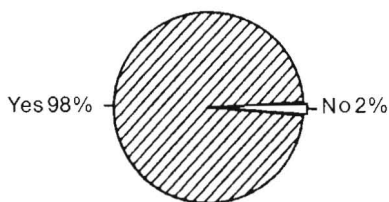
Listed below are the responses and a breakdown of the qualifications included:

	Number %			Number %	
Yes	81	79	RRT	14	17.28
No	21	20	CRTT	20	24.69
N/A	2	1	Registry Eligible	20	24.69
			Cert. Eligible	20	24.69
			OJT	3	3.20
			Other	4	4.94



2. Does your institution have a medical director; if yes, what is his/her medical specialty?

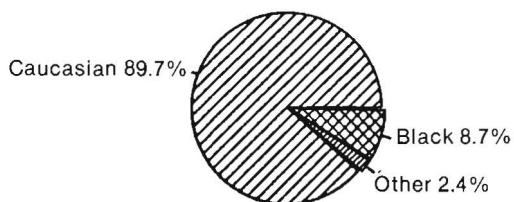
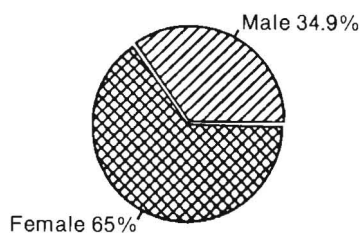
Responses	Specialty	%
Yes 98%	Pulmonary Medicine .	42.8
No 2%	General Internist . . . .	25.5
	Anesthesiology . . . . .	13.2
	General Surgery . . . . .	4.1
	Cardiology . . . . .	3.1
	Thoracic Surgery . . . . .	2.1
	Pediatric/Neonatal . . . .	1.1
	Other . . . . .	8.1



3. What is the sex and ethnic background of the respiratory care practitioners in your institution?

<u>Sex</u>	<u>%</u>
Female	65
Male	35

<u>Ethnic Background</u>	<u>%</u>
Caucasian	88.9
Black	8.7
Other	2.4





*Respiratory therapists view current state of the art equipment in the exhibition hall at the Annual Seminar.*

## **BENEFITS OF MSRT MEMBERSHIP**

### **Professional Representation**

The MSRT has been active in legislative work in Lansing and with the AART in Washington, D.C. to establish and promote the growth and scope of practice of respiratory care practitioners. This includes both the state and national level's work through lobbyists and the MSRT and AART Political Action Committees.

### **MSRT Publications**

As a MSRT member, you will receive an award-winning *MSRT Journal* and the *MSRT Newsletter*, keeping you informed of current state of the art procedures and activities within the state of Michigan. The *MSRT Journal* is indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature.

### **Educational Forums**

As a MSRT member, you will not only be kept informed of all upcoming educational programs, but will receive a professional discount toward registration for each event.





*MSRT President Thomas Glass delivering the opening remarks at the MSRT Annual Seminar.*

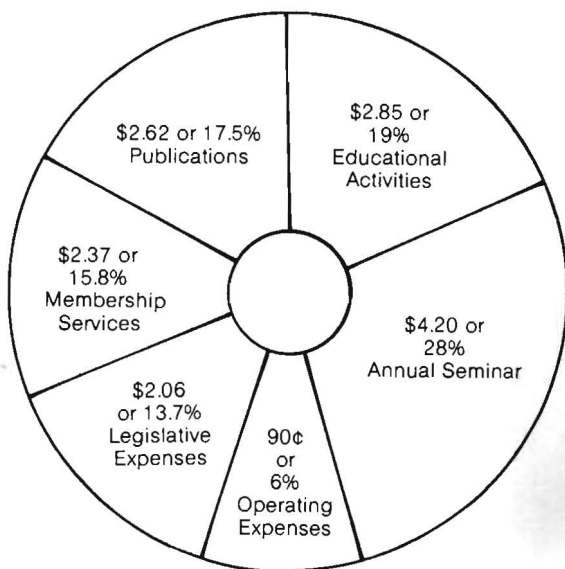
*State Representative Clifford Gary, 1983 MSRT/PAC Chairperson Deborah Borne and State Representative Curtis Hertel at a MSRT/PAC Reception.*



## UTILIZATION OF MSRT MEMBERSHIP FEE

When you join the Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy, you become a member of a professional organization dedicated to providing quality respiratory care, while maintaining a high professional status. You will be kept abreast of all current respiratory care events as they occur within the State and across the nation. As a member, you will have access to credential assistance, along with educational activities sponsored by the MSRT at reduced rates.

The cost of membership is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year; your money is utilized in the following manner:







*There never seems to be enough hands to do all the things in respiratory therapy.*

## **RESPIRATORY THERAPY SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Respiratory Therapy is a health care occupation comprised of practitioners who, under physician supervision, are trained to actively participate in the care of patients, especially the monitoring and treatment of cardiopulmonary function.

The practice of Respiratory Therapy encompasses activities in the areas of diagnosis, therapeutics, administration and education. Diagnostic concerns include, but are not limited to: the obtaining of blood samples and therefrom the determination of acid-base status and blood gas values; and pulmonary function measurements. Therapeutic concerns include, but are not limited to, the application and monitoring of: 1) oxygen therapy; 2) ventilatory therapy; 3) artificial airway care; 4) bronchial hygiene therapy; 5) cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and 6) respiratory rehabilitative therapy.



## *MSRT MEMBERSHIP DEFINED*

### *Active Member:*

An individual is eligible to be an active member of this society, if he/she is a member of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy as specified in Article III of the AART Bylaws, and provided his/her place of employment is within the defined boundaries of this society.

Furthermore, individuals must have training and background education of at least twelve (12) months in respiratory care; be employed full-time (21 hours per week) as a respiratory care practitioner who performs these functions under the prescription of a licensed physician. Also, active membership may be extended to include managers and educators of respiratory care practitioners.

### *Associate Member:*

Individual who does not meet the requirements for Active Membership, but is interested in the Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy membership.

### *Student Member:*

Individual who is currently enrolled in an approved Respiratory Therapy Program.



# Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy

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(517) 337-1351

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Active \$15.00  
Associate 15.00  
Student 8.00

Type or print clearly. Please include check or money order  
**You will NOT be billed.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle  
Number Street APT. NO.  
City State ZIP County

Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Department Position  
Number Street  
City State ZIP County  
Medical Director Specialty

School (for Student) appl. only \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Program Director  
Number Street  
City State Zip County

Date of expected graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

Send mail to: ☐ home address ☐ business address I am applying for :

☐ Active  
☐ Student  
☐ Associate

- ACTIVE MEMBER** — Individual who has training and background education of at least 12 months in respiratory care and who are employed full time (21 hours per week) as respiratory care practitioner. They must perform these services under the prescription of a licensed physician.
- STUDENT MEMBER** — individual who is currently enrolled in an Approved Respiratory Therapy Program
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER** — Individual who does not meet the requirements for Active Membership but is interested in Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy Membership

Primary Area of Specialty: (please check only one)

- ☐ Cardiopulmonary
- ☐ Clinical Practice
- ☐ Clinical Research

- ☐ Critical Care
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Management

- ☐ Perinatal Pediatrics
- ☐ Physician
- ☐ Rehabilitation and Continuous Care

Do you wish to receive information about and/or participate in the Michigan Society for Respiratory Therapy's Political Action Committee? Yes ☐ No ☐

Note. Voting rights for active MSRT members are reserved to only dual AART/MSRT members.  
Please note AART membership number. AART membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Please Read and Sign

I hereby certify that I meet the criteria for the membership status for which I am applying.  
If approved for membership, I will abide by the By-laws and professional code of ethics.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship

I am personally acquainted with the qualifications of this applicant and recommend this individual  
be considered for the status of membership for which he/she has applied

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## MSRT SPUTUM BOWL COMPETITION

The first annual MSRT Sputum Bowl competition began in 1978. This event takes place during the MSRT Annual Seminar. Several teams, which consist of three members each, compete by answering questions related to Respiratory Therapy. The winners receive monies to defer the cost of air fare, hotel accommodations and the seminar registration for the national AART seminar. They also compete in the national Sputum Bowl.

Each team member must be employed in an accredited health care institution (or be a member of the faculty, or a student in an AMA-approved educational program) and must have a current membership with the MSRT and AART.

## *RESPIRATORY THERAPY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN*

Listed below are the approved schools for Respiratory Therapy in the State of Michigan. To acquire information pertaining to each program, please contact the Respiratory Therapy Program Director for the respective school of interest. In addition, various awards and scholarships are available to active and student members. Recognition is given for scholastic achievement and/or publication in the clinical or research areas of respiratory care. To apply, contact your school program director or the chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the MSRT.

Delta College  
Respiratory Therapy Program  
University Center, Michigan 48710  
Degree Offered: AAS, Certificate  
(517) 686-9000

Macomb County Community College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
Center Campus  
44575 Garfield  
Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48044  
Degree Offered: AAS, Certificate  
(313) 284-2188

Ferris State College  
School of Allied Health  
Big Rapids, Michigan 48043  
Degree Offered: AAS  
(616) 796-0461

Mercy College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
8200 W. Outer Drive  
Detroit, Michigan 48219  
Degree Offered: AAS (BS — Sept. 82)  
Angela Mattson, MS, RRT

C.S. Mott Community College  
Respiratory Therapy Technician Program  
1401 E. Court Street  
Flint, Michigan 48503  
Degree Offered: Certificate  
(313) 762-0200

Muskegon Community College  
Respiratory Therapy Program  
221 S. Quarterline Road  
Muskegon, Michigan 49442  
Degree Offered: Certificate  
(616) 777-0370

Henry Ford Community College  
School of Allied Health  
Respiratory Therapy Program  
5101 Evergreen Road  
Dearborn, Michigan  
Degree Offered: AAS  
(313) 271-2750

Highland Park Community College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
Glendale at Third  
Highland Park, Michigan 48203  
Degree Offered: AAS, Certificate  
(313) 252-0475

Holy Cross Hospital  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
4777 East Outer Drive  
Detroit, Michigan 48234  
Degree Offered: Certificate  
(313) 369-9100

Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
6767 West O Avenue  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001  
Degree Offered: AAS, Certificate  
(616) 372-5000

Lansing Community College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
419 North Capital Avenue  
P.O. Box 40010  
Lansing, Michigan 48901  
Degree Offered: AAS, Certificate  
Jerry Rocco, RRT  
(517) 483-1957

North Central Michigan College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
Petosky, Michigan 49770  
Degree Offered: AAS  
(616) 347-3973

Oakland Community College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
22322 Rutland  
Southfield, Michigan 48075  
Degree Offered: AAS  
(313) 552-2673

University of Detroit  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
4001 West McNichols  
Detroit, Michigan 48221  
Degree Offered: BS  
(313) 927-1000

Washtenaw Community College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
4800 East Huron River Drive  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106  
Degree Offered: AAS  
(313) 973-3300

Monroe County Community College  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
1555 South Raisinville Road  
Monroe, Michigan 48161  
Degree Offered: AAS  
(313) 242-7300

St. John's Hospital  
School of Respiratory Therapy  
22101 Moross  
Detroit, Michigan  
Degree Offered: Certificate  
(313) 343-4000



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