

‘NOT AN MSRC PULMONARY REHAB
SECTION MEMBER? A PANEL DISCUSSION
WITH ‘SEASONED’ RT’S TO HIGHLIGHT THE
MANY BENEFITS AND REWARDS OF
BECOMING ONE!’.

ROUNDTABLE PRESENTERS

- Anne Hamilton, BS, RRT – Moderator
 - McLaren Bay Region
- Deborah Pierce, BS, RRT
 - Bronson Battle Creek
- Valerie McLeod
 - McLaren Flint
- Teena Culhane
 - Beaumont
- Maryann Masterton
 - Mercy Health St. Mary's Grand Rapids



HISTORICAL ASPECTS AND PROGRESSION OF THE MSRC PULMONARY REHAB SECTION

- 1984-2010- MSRC PR Section members (25+) *actively* collaborating for coding and reimbursement for programs. Document published in mid 1980s.
- 1985- created Lung Awareness Day in conjunction with ALAM
- 1997-2002-National Emphysema Treatment Trial (NETT) Satellite Programs.
- ? Pulmonary Rehab Section begins having an annual one day seminar
- 2001- Diagnostic Section added
- 2002- Full MSRC Fall seminar
- 2002- CPT Codes for Respiratory Services (G0237, G0238, and G0239)
- 2009 - Collective communication (Letters) with CMS/ AARC/AACVPR lobbyist for open comment period for COPD coding.
- 2010- CPT Code for Pulmonary Rehabilitation (COPD) G0424.
- **60+ PR Programs in MI**



HISTORICAL ASPECTS AND PROGRESSION OF THE MSRC PULMONARY REHAB SECTION

- 2016- PR Section Active Membership has declined.
- Need for more PR therapist involvement.
- Phone Conference meetings 5 times per year and 1 meeting onsite in Charlotte, MI.



BENEFITS OF BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER

- Staying Informed
- Sharing
- Networking
- Mentoring
- Putting it all together



ENGAGEMENT

- Understanding the importance of being passionate about Pulmonary Rehab
- Knowing that Pulmonary Rehab is more than a job, that it is a career that brings us to a higher understanding of our field.
- Staying up to date on:
 - Reimbursement Issues
 - Regulations
 - Disease Management
 - New techniques & Ideas
- National & Local Meeting Updates
- Marketing (state PR Program List)
- Socialization



BARRIERS TO BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER

- Meeting times & locations
- Inability to have time away from your facility
- Lack of time in general
- Not knowing who members are and what the MSRC Pulmonary Rehab Membership section has to offer
- Not being a member of the MSRC, AARC, or AACVPR
- Other barriers



AACVPR CERTIFICATION

- Certification demonstrates that your program is aligned with current guidelines as approved by the leading governing body that dictates standard of care. (AACVPR)
- Hospital administrators embrace program certification as a vehicle to demonstrate excellence for JCAHO.
- Certification offers peace of mind to knowledgeable consumers. Certification can also help patients decide between your program and an uncertified program in your area.
- 3 year Certification at the cost of \$780 for the first round and \$660 thereafter.
- Need to research how many programs in MI are certified.



AACVPR PR OUTCOMES / REGISTRY


What is the Registry program all about?

- Established program-based and national outcomes for PR, allowing programs to:
 - Create and manage patient profiles
 - Enter and view outcomes data in real time
 - Track and quantify progress in meeting performance goals
 - Produce individual and grouped outcomes reports



AACVPR PR OUTCOMES / REGISTRY

Why should you consider participating in the registry?

- Compare outcomes/processes to evidence-based goals and national benchmarks
 - Implement quality improvement projects on real data
 - Enhance documentation and communication with hospital administrators, referring physicians, etc.
 - Promote the role and effectiveness of PR in the management of chronic lung disease
 - Increase physician support
 - Improve 3rd party payer coverage and reimbursement rates
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AACVPR PR OUTCOMES / REGISTRY

FAQ's

- What is the time commitment?
- What is the cost to participate?
- How do I subscribe?
- What does the mandatory training entail?
- Which measurement tools are used and what if we don't use the same ones?



AACVPR PR OUTCOMES / REGISTRY

Barriers / Limitations

- Hospital / legal approval!
- Payment process
- Need to revise paperwork/evaluation process?
- Oxygenation status not included
- No option to include 'restrictive' under PFT's
- No option to include Sarcoidosis
- No post-6MWT = no outcome data



FUTURE FOR PR SPECIALISTS

- AACVPR Certified Pulmonary Rehab Professional Examination
- Currently CCRP for Cardiac Rehab professionals.
- Timeline to offering exam
- Costs
- Renewal



CONCLUSION

- Please join us or let us know about any issues you have
- The more members we have, the more we can do



"I enjoy our daily fitness walks.
You're too out of breath to
disagree with anything I say!"

