

Michigan Society for Respiratory Care 2026 Spring Conference

Tuesday, April 14
Up to 6 CRCEs

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. <i>Exhibit Hall</i>	Registration / Exhibit Hall Open		
8:00 – 8:45 a.m. <i>Plenary – Prairies</i>	The State of the Society <i>Steven Hamick, BIS, RCP, RRT</i>		
8:45 – 9:30 a.m. <i>Plenary – Prairies</i>	Breathing Easy: Building Psychological Safety for Respiratory Therapists <i>Gabrielle Davis MA, MPH, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS, TTS, LPC, FAARC</i>		
9:30 – 10:00 a.m. <i>Plenary – Prairies</i>	CoARC Update <i>Sarah Varekojis, PhD, RRT, RRT-ACCS, FNAP, FAARC</i>	Management Mingle <i>Kalamazoo Room</i>	
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. <i>Kalamazoo Room</i>	Break / Exhibit Hall Open <i>Snacks provided</i>		
Breakout Sessions			
	Acute Care Track <i>Prairies</i>	Student Track <i>Great Lakes 4</i>	Specialty Track <i>Great Lakes 5</i>
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	The RT ECMO Specialist: Past, Present, and Future <i>Steve Robinson, BSN, RN, MBA, MSF</i>	Escape the Simulation! <i>Liz Santamaria, MEd, RRT, RRT-ACCS and Stephanie Marcincavage, BS, RRT</i>	A Strong Start: Shaping Success Through Effective Orientation <i>Kristen Carpenter, RRT</i>
11:20 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.	Optimal PEEP <i>Ivan Co, MD</i>	Escape the Simulation! <i>Liz Santamaria, MEd, RRT, RRT-ACCS and Stephanie Marcincavage, BS, RRT</i>	You're a Preceptor Today. Practice Precepting and Giving Feedback <i>Carissa Novak, BSRT, RRT-ACCS</i>
12:05 – 1:20 p.m. <i>Great Lakes 1-3</i>	Lunch -- registration/ticket required Exhibit Hall Open		
1:20 – 2:05 p.m.	Sepsis and Respiratory Failure: The RT Perspective and Approach <i>Andrew R. Marshall, MBA, RRT, RRT-NPS</i>	Respiratory Disease Made Easy for Students <i>Kayla Ford, BS, RRT, RRT-NPS</i>	AI in Respiratory Care: RTs Need Not Be Afraid <i>Rena Laliberte, BS, RRT, CPFT, FAARC</i>
	Acute Care Track <i>Prairies</i>	Student Track <i>Great Lakes 4</i>	Specialty Track <i>Great Lakes 5</i>

<p>2:10 – 2:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Awake and Walking in the ICU <i>Jenni Koetje BSRT, RRT and Lynette LaBine, RN</i></p>	<p>Preparing for the Transition to Night Shift <i>Ashley Greene, BSRT, RRT-ACCS</i></p>	<p>Get Recognized! Overview of the Apex Recognition Award <i>Samantha Davis, MS, RRT, RRT-NPS, CHSE-A, FAARC</i> <i>(30 minutes)</i></p>
<p>3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The Difficult Airway <i>Krassimir Denchev, MD</i></p>	<p>Board Ready: Strategy, Confidence, and Success <i>Joe Lewis, MSRC, RRT, RRT-ACCS</i></p>	<p>Implementing Quality Improvement in Respiratory Care <i>Samantha Davis, MS, RRT, RRT-NPS, CHSE-A, FAARC</i></p>
<p>4:00 – 5:00 p.m. <i>Kalamazoo Room</i></p>	<p>Cocktail Reception / Networking <i>Cash bar</i></p>		
<p>5:00 – 6:00 p.m. <i>Prairies</i></p>	<p>MSRC House of Representatives Meeting <i>All attendees welcome</i></p>		
<p>7:00 – 8:00 p.m. <i>Glens</i></p>	<p>Sputum Bowl Championship <i>Cash bar</i></p>		
<p>8:00 p.m. – Midnight <i>Meadows</i></p>	<p>Dance</p>		