


KRCS / AARC UPDATE

KRCS Western Kansas Seminar
25th Anniversary
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KRCS / AARC Update



- ◆ KRCS Update
 - Kansas Legislative Day
 - Washington DC PACT Visits
- ◆ AARC Update
- ◆ ARCF
- ◆ NBRC
- ◆ Other stuff.....



KRCS Legislative Day

- ◆ February 23rd
- ◆ 19th year the KRCS has visited the Kansas Legislature
- ◆ "Educate
Promote
Advocate"



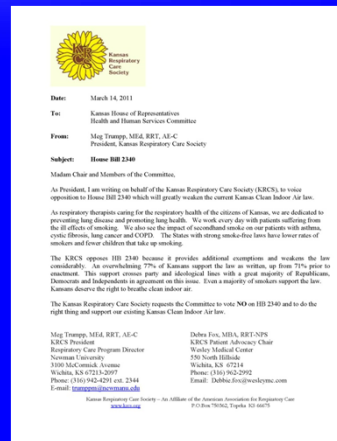
KRCS Legislative Day

- ◆ Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
- ◆ House Health and Human Services



Kansas Legislative Activities

- ◆ Preserve the Ks Clean Indoor Air Act
- ◆ Legislation re: Respiratory Health
- ◆ Monitor bills that may impact our patients or profession



KRCS PACT

- ◆ Washington DC Capitol Hill Day
- ◆ March 8th, 2011
- ◆ 120 RTs participated
- ◆ Representing 46 state affiliates
- ◆ 20 Alpha-One members
- ◆ 300 visits



2011 KRCS PACT team
Debbie Fox, Suzanne Bollig, Karen Schell

Successful Visits!



Hallway meeting with
Congressman Pompeo's Aide



Helen, Alpha 1 member joins in
Our visit with Senator Roberts office



Introduced HR 941 Respiratory Care Medicare Initiative



KRCS Members meet with
Rep. Mike Pompeo

- ◆ Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR)
- ◆ No Senate companion bill
- ◆ CBO Scoring - Roadblock
- ◆ For more details

re: HR 941

www.kracs.org

Advocate



Other AARC PACT Activities



KRCS PACT members meet
With Rep. Lynn Jenkins

- ♦ AARC "WatchDogs"
 - ♦ Cheryl West
 - ♦ Miriam O'Day
 - ♦ Anne Marie Hummel
 - ♦ Monitoring State and Federal legislation, rules & regs, Patient advocacy
 - ♦ www.AARC.org
- Government Affairs



AARC Governmental Affairs

- ♦ RT State Licensure (5 states impacted this year by new legislation)
- ♦ Impact on RT of legislation re: medication aides, home health aides, perfusionists, polysom, paramedics
- ♦ Licensure exemption for Transport RTs who cross state boundaries
- ♦ Clean indoor air, tobacco related legislation
- ♦ Liaison with other patient advocacy groups
- ♦ HR 941 RC Medicare Initiative
- ♦ Medicare Competitive Bid program – HMEs
- ♦ Specific COPD program within the CDC
- ♦ CMS – Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)
- ♦ Medicare Telemedicine Services
- ♦ CMS / ISMP Safe Medication Delivery Practices
- ♦ AHRO Mass Casualty / Disaster Preparedness
- ♦ Medicare payment adjustments for Healthcare acquired conditions
- ♦ Disease Management programs

AARC Activities



- ◆ Member benefit
- ◆ \$500 +1 year membership
- ◆ Funds are running low – multiple disasters
- ◆ AARC allocated additional \$5,000 to the fund
- ◆ Donate thru AARC.org website

ARCF – American Respiratory Care Foundation



- ◆ Foundation supports research grants, educational recognition awards, scholarships and other projects.
- ◆ Funds the International Fellowship program
- ◆ Donations from corporate grants and AARC members
- ◆ Fundraising campaign - Needs our Help

NBRC – National Board for Respiratory Care

- ◆ Adult Critical Care Specialty Exam
- ◆ Criteria: “Applicants shall be an RRT with at least one year of full-time clinical experience in a critical care setting (i.e., intensive care unit, emergency room, post –anesthesia recovery unit, long-term acute care setting, etc)”
- ◆ Exam expected to be released in first half of 2012



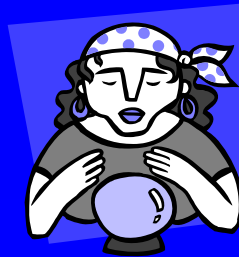
AARC Educational opportunities

- ◆ Asthma Educator Course
- ◆ COPD Educator Course
- ◆ Webcast Central
- ◆ AARC Journal
- ◆ AARC Self Study courses
- ◆ AARC International Congress



Other Miscellaneous Tidbits

- ♦ AARC Sputum Bowl – will this be the last year?
- ♦ AARC going digital w/Journal and RCTimes
- ♦ Age-related AARC Membership discount being discussed



Congratulations to the WESTERN KS SEMINAR COMMITTEE – Past & Present!

