

NATIONAL RESPIRATORY THERAPY WEEK

For immediate release

ONTARIO (October 15, 2009): National Respiratory Therapy Week is set for October 25 – October 31, 2009. Frontline RRTs are available in your community to share their knowledge with the general public.

Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRTs) are available to talk about:

- **Influenza A (H1N1) and how to protect yourself**
- Mechanical Ventilation (Life Support)
- SARS
- Pandemic Planning
- Air Quality
- Aging population facing Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Asthma
- Smoking Cessation
- Effects of second hand smoke
- Emergency Response
- Lung health

There are approximately 2,700 Respiratory Therapists working in Ontario with 150 new graduates joining the profession each year. Canada is facing a wave of acute & chronic respiratory diseases. RRTs can be found in the ER and ICU departments in all hospitals, in home care and teaching settings and on transport teams.

The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) is one of 23 health regulatory colleges in Ontario. The safety of the public is the mandate of the CRTO. The Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario (RTSO) is a non-profit organization devoted to the promotion of Respiratory Therapy in the province of Ontario.

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