



September 10-12, 2025



Welcome...



Welcome to Tri-State 2025! Mississippi and the Tri-State Board want to officially roll out a warm welcome to all of you at this new venue, Centennial Plaza Resort, as we begin our 53rd year of delivering a program of quality respiratory education.

The TSRCC Program Committee, along with the board, feel we have collectively composed an interesting and inspiring program again this year! We have diligently arranged an excellent line-up of topics that will cover a broad array of interests. With Consideration of today's times and situations and with respect to the fluid changes in healthcare, we will be presenting lectures that will help infuse current ideas into the respiratory practices found in hospitals, clinics, and offices. We hope to provide you with the opportunity to network with other professionals, view the latest technology, and enjoy the freshest shrimp on the gulf!

The outstanding vendors enthusiastically anticipate spending time with you. They are our supporting partners and valuable resources for us. Without their contributions and generosity, this meeting would not have been possible. We thank them for all they do.

I commend you for choosing to attend the TSRCC. You have made the decision to continue to grow and engage in your career which validates your support for your state, profession, and your patients.

Again, on behalf of the Tri-State leadership team, welcome and enjoy the conference.

John Shelburne, MA, RRT
Chair – TSRCC Board of Directors

Speakers: 53rd Tri-State Respiratory Care Conference

Paul Perry, MD

Diana Merendino, RRT-NPS, RPFT, FAARC;

Carl D Mottram, RRT, RPFT, FAARC

Kari Neville, BSRC, RRT-NPS, FAARC

Kenneth E. Thigpen, BS, RRT, FAARC

Bobby Tullos MD

Steve Deatrck, BA, RRT

Mindy Conklin MRT, RRT, RRT-ACCS

Jerry King, Jr., MAEd, RRT

Ronda Bradley, MS, RRT, FAARC

Jamie Kalafchi, PharmD

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**Tri State Respiratory Care Conference
Centennial Plaza Resort
Gulfport, MS
September 10-12, 2025**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

- 9:45 am** **Welcome to the 53rd Anniversary of Tri-State**
John Shelburne, TSRCC Chair
- 10:00 am** **Rocco & Marge Tretola Lecture: Bird Flu: Where are We Today?**
Paul Perry, MD, North Mississippi Health Services
Diana Merendino, RRT-NPS, RPFT, FAARC;
Assoc. Dean of Academic Affairs, LSUHS-S
Sponsored by TSRCC
- 11:00 am** **The ATS-ERS Technical Standards,
The Reason for and Impact on the Big 3**
Carl D Mottram, RRT, RPFT, FAARC
Consultant, PFW Consulting LLC
Sponsored by MGC Diagnostics
- 12:00 - 2:00 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**
- 2:00 pm** **AARC 2025: Delivering on the Strategic Plan**
Kari Neville, BSRC, RRT-NPS, FAARC
AARC Secretary / Treasurer; Senior Clinical Specialist, Bunnell, Inc.
Sponsored by AARC & TSRCC
- 3:00 pm** **6 MWT and Oxygen Titration, the Tests, and the Controversies**
Carl D Mottram, RRT, RPFT, FAARC
Consultant, PFW Consulting LLC
Sponsored by MGC Diagnostics
- 4:00-6:00pm** **Getting to Know You Social and Exhibits**
(Located in the Clubhouse)

Program Subject to Changes

Thursday, September 11, 2025

**7:30-8:00 am Join us for a Continental Breakfast in the Chapel.
Sponsored by Nihon Kohden**

8:00 am Respiratory Therapists: Super Hero or Next to Zero
Kenneth E. Thigpen, BS, RRT, FAARC
Territory Manager, Monaghan Medical Corporation
Sponsored by Monaghan Medical Corporation

9:00 am Frequing Out About High Frequency
Kari Neville, BSRC, RRT-NPS, FAARC
AARC Secretary / Treasurer;
Senior Clinical Specialist, Bunnell, Inc.
Sponsored by AARC and TSRCC

10:00 am The Burden of Emphysema and Non-Surgical Bronchoscope Treatment,
Bobby Tullos MD
Pulmonologist, Memorial Health System, Gulfport, MS
Sponsored by AMBU

11:00-1:00pm LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS
Assortment of finger foods located in clubhouse

1:00 pm RT Role in Limiting Readmissions
Steve Deatrick, BA, RRT;
Territory Manager, D R Burton Healthcare
Sponsored by D R Burton

2:00 pm Pushing the Profession Forward: The Innovation of the APRT
Mindy Conklin MRT, RRT, RRT-ACCS
Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist,
VA Maryland Healthcare Systems
Sponsored by Monaghan Medical Corporation

3:00 pm Reducing the Hazards and Complications of a Difficult Intubation
Jerry King, Jr., MAEd, RRT
Assoc. Professor, Program Director, University of West Alabama
Sponsored by D R Burton

4:00-6:00 pm Jerry Bridgers' Vendor Appreciation Session
(Shrimp/ other seafood) **(Located in Clubhouse)**

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Friday, September 12, 2025

7:30-8:00 am Join us for a Continental Breakfast in the Chapel.

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8:00 am Future Growth of the RT Profession

Jerry King, Jr., MAEd, RRT

Associate Professor, Program Director The University of West Alabama

Sponsored by D R Burton

9:00 am Application of Lung Ultrasound for the Respiratory Therapist

Mindy Conklin MRT, RRT, RRT-ACCS

Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist, VA

Maryland Healthcare Systems

Sponsored by Monaghan Medical Corporation

10:00 am The Complexities of Pulse Oximetry Technology:

Impact of Skin Pigmentation and Other Factors

Ronda Bradley, MS, RRT, FAARC

Sponsored by Medtronic

11:00 am Vibrating Mesh Technology: Patient Impact & Benefits

Jamie Kalafchi, PharmD

Medical Science Liaison, Aerogen

Sponsored by Aerogen

Location of Activities:

Chapel - Lecture Hall & Thursday/Friday

Breakfast

Clubhouse - Exhibit area

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Breakfast Sponsors

Thursday

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals

Friday

Nihon Kohden



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Electromed
Fisher & Paykel
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare
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Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
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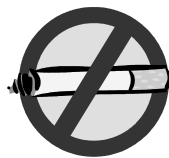
Upload all the photos and videos you wish to share from Tri-State 2025 using the QR code above. Once approved, your photos and videos will be available on the online photo album. Photos will be used to create a slideshow from this year.

No need to create an account or download any app!

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CEU'S

Attendees must return a completed evaluation in order to be awarded continuing education credit. Our program is approved for CRCE by the AARC. Evaluation forms should be completed and turned in at the conference registration desk after you have attended your final lecture of the conference. Evaluation forms will not be accepted after the final day of the conference.



The TSRCC Conference is a NO SMOKING EVENT

and Centennial Plaza is a no smoking venue.



We kindly request, as a courtesy to our speakers and other attendees, please keep noise outside of lectures to a minimum.



Thank you for silencing your portable device before lectures start.



We love children and want to keep them safe! For this reason, children under the age of 12, including babies in strollers, are not permitted in the exhibits.

The Tri-State Respiratory Care Board would like to extend a warm thank you for your support of our meeting. It is through your support that we are able to provide educational programs that benefit therapists and patients alike.

Thank You!