

RSPT 1085 Module A – Self-Assessment

1. Define the following terms:
 - A. Respiratory Care: **THE HEALTH CARE DISCIPLINE THAT SPECIALIZES IN THE PROMOTION OF OPTIMUM CARDIOPULMONARY FUNCTION AND HEALTH.**
 - B. Respiratory Therapist: **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TRAINED TO APPLY SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES TO PREVENT, IDENTIFY AND TREAT ACUTE OR CHRONIC DYSFUNCTION OF THE CARDIOPULMONARY SYSTEM.**
 - C. Telemedicine: **THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES TO SUPPORT HEALTH CARE AT A GEOGRAPHICALLY DIFFERENT LOCATION FROM THE PATIENT.**
 - D. Benchmarking: **ESTABLISHING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN ORGANIZATION'S ABILITY TO PERFORM AT A GIVEN LEVEL TO THAT OF OTHER COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS.**
2. True or False: Respiratory Therapists now have a much more technical role than in the past? **TRUE** FALSE
3. List the primary role for each of the following:
 - A. Medical Director: **A PHYSICIAN WHO IS USUALLY A PULMONOLOGIST, INTENSIVIST OR ANESTHESIOLOGIST WHO ARE PROFESSIONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "CLINICAL OR PATIENT CARE" FUNCTION OF A RESPIRATORY THERAPY DEPARTMENT.**
 - B. Technical Director: **A REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST WITH ADDITIONAL TRAINING WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.**
 - C. Respiratory Care Educator: **A REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST RESPONSIBLE TO TRAIN NEW AND EXISTING EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS, AND TO DEVELOP POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS.**
 - D. Respiratory Therapist: **THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST MUST GIVE QUALITY CARE THAT IS INDICATED, AND IS DELIVERED COMPETENTLY AND APPROPRIATELY.**

4. State the primary function of each of the following:
- A. American Association for Respiratory Care: **THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE. ITS MISSION IS “TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE, ADVANCE THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE, AND SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE FOR PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, THE PUBLIC AND THE PROFESSION OF RESPIRATORY CARE.”**
 - B. Michigan Society for Respiratory Care: **THE MSRC IS A CHARTERED AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE (AARC). ITS MISSION IS “THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE (MSRC) WILL STRIVE TO CONTINUE TO BE THE LEADING STATE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RESPIRATORY CARE. WE WILL REPRESENT AND PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE, ADVANCE THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE AND SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE AND RESOURCE FOR OUR PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, THE PUBLIC, THE PROFESSION AND THE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER.**
 - C. American Respiratory Care Foundation: **NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING RESPIRATORY THERAPY-RELATED RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES.**
 - D. National Board for Respiratory Care: **IT IS AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL CREDENTIALING AGENCY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE.**
 - E. Michigan Board for Respiratory Care: **GROUP FORMED IN 2004 BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH (MDCH) TO MANAGE THE LICENSURE PROCESS FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.**
 - F. Commission on the Accreditation for Respiratory Care: **THE ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE US.**
 - G. The Joint Commission: **THE JOINT COMMISSION IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMPANY THAT HAS BEEN ACCREDITING HOSPITALS FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS.**