

Award Opportunity for Ohio Hospitals

The Ohio Society for Respiratory Care (OSRC) would like to make you aware of an opportunity for recognition for the quality treatment of patients with pulmonary disease. The Ohio Society for Respiratory Care is honoring best practices in pulmonary care. The improvement in patient care for Ohioans has significant benefits to all stakeholders including governmental agencies, hospital management and patient outcomes. Statistics show us that the effects of pulmonary disease on our population are staggering. COPD and pneumonia are leading causes of death in America. The effects of asthma on the pediatric population can be detrimental without appropriate treatment. Respiratory illness has been shown to be the number one reason for pediatric hospitalizations and school absences.

In response to these statistics, the OSRC would like to recognize the hospitals providing the best care to Ohio patients with pulmonary disease. It is our hope to recognize respiratory care departments that demonstrate professional excellence in patient safety, staff recognition and community involvement. In support of the tenets included in the strategic plan and the mission of the AARC, the OSRC is committed to developing an advanced level award that will bring distinction to those departments that have achieved exceptional standards of practice. The OSRC will be issuing "Center of Excellence" for Respiratory Care Departments/ Divisions. Please review the application and consider applying this year. The application can be found on the OSRC website at www.osrc.org. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2011 and the departments/ divisions, which qualify in 2011, will be announced at the OSRC annual conference in Columbus Ohio in 2012. The designation is good for three (3) years. You may send your entry electronically to the Center of Excellence Committee at jerry.edens@cchmc.org, and then mail your signed entries to Center of Excellence Committee for Respiratory Care, OSRC, 1620 E. Broad Street Ste. 1603 Columbus, Ohio 43203-2035. For questions please contact Jerry Edens @ 513-636-7461 or at the above email address