The Focus Annual *Fall Classic* Respiratory Care & Sleep Medicine Conference

**Wednesday, October 18th, 2017**

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FOCUS Fall 2017 Conference (also fondly known and celebrating the occasion of the 37th annual Michael Aiello Memorial Respiratory Care & Sleep Medicine Conference), at the beautiful Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.

For 2017, we’ve compiled ten interesting and pertinent lectures for respiratory therapists and 10 lectures for sleep technologists all being presented by some of the profession’s most esteemed speakers.

The cost of this annual conference (same fee for the 26th year in a row) is amongst the lowest in the country and a fun experience, as it has been for 36 years. The topics are pertinent and were all chosen to enable attendees to take practical information back to their respective health care settings. The conference will also feature exhibitors presenting the latest in equipment and services. Drop by their booths to see their products and enter the raffles many of them will be holding.

Of course, in addition to being an educational forum, let us not overlook the social aspects of what has become an annual Fall tradition. Old and new colleagues reuniting at a great time of year (Fall foliage will be in bloom) to learn, network and socialize. See you there!

Warm Regards,
Bob Miglino RRT BSRT MPS - Focus Conference Chairman

Michael Aiello RRT
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Co-Chairman Emeritus of the Focus Fall 2017 Respiratory Care & Sleep Medicine Conference
REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Register for this conference online (www.Foocus.com) or use the registration form found on page 7. The early discounted registration deadline is October 13, 2017. Registration after October 13, 2017 and at the door, is available for an additional $55 fee. Register early to ensure your place and to save money. Note our military and student discounts and take advantage of them if they apply to you.

Because of non-refundable commitments made to the hotel, NO refunds will be made after October 13, 2017, for any reason. Cancellations made before October 13, 2017 will be assessed a $25 processing fee.

DOOR PRIZES

Focus Conferences are well known for their door prizes throughout the day. Last year, over $1000 worth of prizes were won by attendees. Is this your lucky year?

CRCE, CSTE and CEC Contact Hours

Approval has been received by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for CRCE credits, the Board for Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT) for CSTE credits and the American Association of Sleep Technologists (AAST).

QUESTIONS?

Contact Bob Miglino via E-mail: BobM@Foocus.com

RESERVATIONS AT THE POUGHKEEPSIE GRAND HOTEL

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The GPS address of the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel is: 40 Civic Center Plaza Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Parking is in the hotel’s underground parking lot and is free of charge (after validation). A block of rooms has been held for people who wish to stay the night before the conference. The rate is $99/night plus tax. Call (845) 485-5300 to make reservations. Tell the reservation clerk you are attending the Focus Conference. For directions from numerous locations including NYC, Albany, Long Island, CT, NJ, MA and PA, visit the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel website at www.PokGrand.com.
**RESPIRATORY THERAPY LECTURE AGENDA**

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SLEEP MEDICINE LECTURE AGENDA

77:00am  REGISTRATION, EXHIBITS, BREAKFAST

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8:05am  Lecture #1 – Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH
        *The Bi-Directionality of Sleep & Co-Morbid Conditions*

8:05am  Lecture #2 – Samer El-Zarif MD
        *Central Sleep Apnea – Causes and Treatment*

9:05am  Lecture #3 – Meir Kryger MD
        *The Mystery of Sleep, Absolutely Fascinating*

10:05am  COFFEE AND EXHIBITS

10:30am  Lecture #4 – Meir Kryger MD
        *Sleep in Women*

12:30pm  LUNCH

1:20pm  COFFEE, DESSERT AND DOOR PRIZES IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

1:50pm  Lecture #5 – Steven A. Thau MD
        *Restless Legs Syndrome - What is Ferritin & Why Do We Want to be Iron Man or Iron Woman?*

2:50pm  Lecture #6 – Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH
        *Methods & Practice Considerations in Pediatric Sleep*

3:50pm  SNACK BREAK

4:00pm  Lecture #7 – Steven A. Thau MD
        *Why Am I and My Patients So Sleepy? (it has little to do with lunch!)*

5:00pm  Lecture #8 – Steven A. Thau MD
        *CPAP and Heart Disease - Is there a connection?*

6:00pm  Lecture #9 – Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH
        *The Value of a Credential – The Certificate in Clinical Sleep Health*

7:00pm  Lecture #10 – Robyn Woitdke MSN RN, RPSGT, CCSH
        *The State of the Sleep Medicine Profession Today*
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Robert Kacmarek PhD, RRT, FAARC – is the Director of Respiratory Care at Mass. General Hospital (Boston) and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is a veteran therapist, with 40+ years of experience, a fellow of the AARC and the author and/or co-author of 12 texts pertaining to Pulmonary Medicine and Respiratory Care and the principal author of over 200 published reports and research papers in numerous peer-reviewed journals.

Douglas Gardenhire EdD, RRT-NPS, FAARC – is Chair of the Department of Respiratory Therapy at Georgia State University. He is the author of Rau’s Respiratory Care Pharmacology, and a chapter author on Pharmacology for Egan’s Fundamentals of Respiratory Care. He has authored a number of abstracts, original research and review articles on respiratory care education and aerosol medication. He received the AARC Educator of the Year award in 2012.

Douglas Massini PhD RRT – Douglas Masini, EdD, RRT-ACCS, FCCP, FAARC is the Program Director of the Armstrong State University Respiratory Therapy Program in Savannah Georgia and an Asthma Educator Certified (AE-C) at the St. Mary’s Clinic also in Savannah. Dr. Masini is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at Mercer University College of Medicine in Savannah, Georgia; and a Fellow of the American Association of Respiratory Care. In 2015 he was also elected a fellow of the College of Chest Physicians.

Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH – Robyn is a registered nurse as well as a registered polysomnographer. She is also certified in clinical sleep health. Robyn has over 25 years of experience in the field of sleep medicine and has authored numerous articles. She is also a frequent, nationally renowned speaker at national and local sleep conferences. Robyn is currently a consultant to the medical device and sleep industries.

Dr. Steven A. Thau MD – graduated from the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. He completed his post graduate training at the University of Pennsylvania and his fellowship in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine at Yale. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases, Critical Care Medicine and Sleep Medicine. He is now the Pulmonary and Sleep Director at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow NY.

Joseph Sorbello M.Ed RRT – Joseph Sorbello has been an RRT for 40+ years; the last 25 of which, have been as an educator. Joseph is the Chairman & an Associate Professor in the Department of Respiratory Therapy Education at SUNY Medical University in Syracuse NY. He is the immediate past-chairman of the AARC’s Education Section and is an immediate past-member of the AARC Board of Directors. He is a Past President and was a 14 year Board member of the NYSSRC.

Meir Kryger, MD, FRCPC – is a professor at Yale University School of Medicine. Previously, he was Director of Research at Gaylord Sleep Medicine in Wallingford CT and the Director of the Sleep Disorders Centre at St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre. Dr. Kryger is the chief editor of the main textbook used in sleep medicine today, The Principles and Practice of Sleep Medicine, in its 5th edition. He is also the author of A Woman’s Guide to Sleep Disorders. He has served as president of both the Canadian Sleep Society and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Samer El-Zarif MD – received his medical degree from the University of Balamand in Koura, Lebanon. He then moved to New York and completed a Internal Medicine Residency at Staten Island University Hospital. He completed a Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine at the University of South Alabama. Dr. El-Zarif also completed a Sleep Medicine Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio. Dr. El-Zarif is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), American Thoracic Society (ATS), American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) and the Sleep Research Society (SRC).
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