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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the FOCUS Fall 2017 “Super Session” Conference at the Monroeville Doubletree Hilton Hotel 12 minutes outside of downtown Pittsburgh.

When you see the faculty we’ve assembled in this brochure, you’ll see why we’re calling it a “Super Session”. We’ve put together, perhaps the finest overall faculty of national experts in Respiratory Care and Sleep Medicine at this conference and you will be the lucky recipient of that expertise. Ten interesting and pertinent lectures for RTs and 10 for Sleep Technologists presented by the best of the best with all RT lectures approved by the AARC and all Sleep Lectures approved by both the AAST and BRPT.

Our day is planned so that one can obtain 10 credits in their respective discipline in just one day. We’ll start with a continental breakfast with our exhibitors and continue with lectures, a mid-morning break, more lectures, then a lunch with the exhibitors with lectures resuming after lunch. 10 credits in one day. For your convenience, we’ve also arranged an economical room rate at the Doubletree Hilton of only $99 for the night before and/or the night of the conference for those who want to come in the night before or stay over afterward.

The cost of this conference has remained the same for the last 26 years and active military, veterans and students may enjoy a discounted registration fee of only $145 (a $50 discount) as a gesture of thanks for their service and in recognition that fulltime students have particular budget limitations.

The topics of this conference are pertinent and were chosen to enable attendees to take practical information back to their respective settings. The conference will also feature exhibitors presenting the latest in equipment and services, excellent food, door prizes, the FOCUS “store” with its fun novelties, and other surprises.

Of course, in addition to being an educational forum, let us not overlook the social aspects of this event. Old and new colleagues reuniting at a great time of year (Fall foliage will be peaking) to learn, network and socialize. Don’t miss this extraordinary event. Register today by visiting www.Foocus.com or via the form found on page 7 of this brochure.

Hope to see you there!
Warm Regards,
Bob Miglino RRT BSRT MPS - Focus Conference Chairman
REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Register for this conference online (www.Foocus.com) or use the enclosed form found on page 7. The early discounted registration deadline is September 20, 2017. **Registration after September 20, 2017 and at the door is available for an additional $55 fee.** This very special conference will be limited to 350 attendees. 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 September 20, 2017, for any reason. Cancellations made before September 20, 2017 will be assessed a $25 processing fee.

DOOR PRIZES

Focus Conferences are known for their door prizes throughout the day. In fact, over $1000 in prizes were won by attendees last year. Many exhibitors hold raffles from their booths as well. 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).

RESERVATIONS - THE DOUBLETREE HILTON HOTEL

(412) 373-7300    www.DoubleTreeMonroeville.com

The GPS address of the DoubleTree Hotel is: 101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA. 15146. Parking in the hotel parking lot is free. A block of rooms has been held for people who wish to stay the night before or the night of the conference. The rate is $99/night plus tax. Call (412) 373-7300 to make reservations. For directions from numerous locations visit the Hotel website at www.DoubleTreeMonroeville.com.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Bob Miglino via E-mail: BobM@Foocus.com
RESPIRATORY THERAPY LECTURE AGENDA

7:00am   REGISTRATION, EXHIBITS, BREAKFAST
8:00am   WELCOME
8:05am   Lecture #1 – Robert Kacmarek PhD, RRT, FAARC
          Ventilatory Management of Severe Hypoxemia
9:05am   Lecture #2 – Robert Kacmarek RRT PhD FAARC
          Life Threatening Airway Obstruction
10:05am  COFFEE AND EXHIBITS
10:30am  Lecture #3 – Neil MacIntyre MD, FAARC
          Evaluating New Techniques and Devices in Respiratory Care
11:30am  Lecture #4 – Robert Kacmarek RRT PhD FAARC
          End of Life Issues: DNI, Comfort Measures & Non-Invasive Ventilation
12:30pm  LUNCH IN THE EXHIBIT HALL
1:50pm   Lecture #5 – Neil MacIntyre MD, FAARC
          Maximizing Patient-Ventilator Synchrony
2:50pm   Lecture #6 – John Marini MD, FAARC
          Optimizing PEEP – Negotiating Tough Choices
3:50pm   SNACK/RESTROOM BREAK
4:00pm   Lecture #7 – Neil MacIntyre MD, FAARC
          The Latest Advances in the Treatment of COPD
5:00pm   Lecture #8 – John Marini MD, FAARC
          All I’ve Learned About Weaning Patients from Mechanical Ventilation
6:00pm   Lecture #9 – Elcee Conner RRT, BSRT
          Recent Advances in Pediatric Respiratory Care
7:00pm   Lecture #10 – Elcee Conner RRT, BSRT
          Recent Advances in Neonatal Respiratory Care
SLEEP MEDICINE LECTURE AGENDA

7:00am  REGISTRATION, EXHIBITS, BREAKFAST

8:00am  WELCOME

8:05am  Lecture #1 – Laura Linley RST, RPSGT CRTT
        Artifact Recognition and Troubleshooting

9:05am  Lecture #2 – Catherine Kier MD, AE-C
        The Role of Obesity & Inflammation in Pediatric Sleep-Disordered Breathing

10:05am COFFEE AND EXHIBITS

10:30am Lecture #3 – Emerson Kerr RRT RPSGT
        PAP Therapies A to Z – Matching the Right Therapy to the Patient

11:30am Lecture #4 – Laura Linley RST, RPSGT CRTT
        Updates on Regulatory and Accreditation Issues

12:30pm LUNCH IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

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        Neuro-Chemistry in Sleep and Its Clinical Manifestations

2:50pm  Lecture #6 – Emerson Kerr RRT RPSGT
        Optimizing Treatment Compliance in OSA – The Mask is the Key

3:50pm  SNACK/RESTROOM BREAK

4:00pm  Lecture #7 – Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH
        Insomnia – Behavioral versus Physiological Reasons

5:00pm  Lecture #8 – Catherine Kier MD, AE-C
        Complications of Sleep Disordered Breathing – The Differences Between
        Pediatric & Adult Patients

6:00pm  Lecture #9 – Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH
        The Importance and Benefits of the CCHS Credential

7:00pm  Lecture #10 – Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH
        The Future of Sleep Medicine
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, a fellow of the AARC, the author and/or co-author of 12 texts pertaining to Pulmonary Medicine/Respiratory Care and the principal author of 200+ published reports and research papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Catherine Kier MD – is the immediate past-president of the of the AAE and is Professor of Pediatrics at the State University of New York (SUNY) School of Medicine in Stoney Brook, New York. Dr. Kier is a certified asthma educator and the Division Chief of Pediatric Pulmonology, at the Stony Brook Children’s Hospital. She is also the director of the Cystic Fibrosis and Sleep Disorders Centers.

Neil MacIntyre MD – is a Professor of Medicine at Duke University and the Medical Director of the Respiratory Care Department at the University Medical Center. He is a Fellow of the ACCP, a fellow of the AARC and a fellow of the AACPR. He is also a past-president of the National Association of Medical Directors of Respiratory Care. He has been published extensively and is an internationally renowned lecturer in pulmonary medicine and respiratory care.

Elcee Conner RRT – Elcee is an Associate Professor in the Respiratory Program at St. Louis Community College in St Louis, MO. She founded and is current President of the Asia Pacific Association for Respiratory Care (APARC) and organized the first congress of the World Organization for Respiratory Care in partnership with the World Health Organization held in the Czech Republic in 2004.

John Marini MD – is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. His research focus is on the applied physiology/management of acute respiratory failure, to which he has contributed 10 books and 250+ articles. Some, relating to Auto-PEEP, Work of Breathing, Tracheal Gas Insufflation, Weaning, ARDS, and VILI, have helped influence the direction of thinking in those areas.

Laura Linley RST, RPSGT CRTT - has worked in sleep medicine since 1989. She has worked as an educator of sleep technology, an administrator of sleep centers, and as a practice manager for IDTF Sleep/DME business. Presently she works with Advanced Sleep Management as VP of Clinical Services and she is the president of the AAST.

Emerson Kerr RRT RPSGT – has practiced clinically as an RRT and a RPSGT. He also served in management in a hospital sleep lab and as an operations executive with a sleep testing company. With Philips Respironics, he has served in training, education, clinical and sales roles. Presently, he is the Sr. Field Marketing Manager for the company. He is also co-chair of the AAST’s “Best Practices” Task Force.

Robyn Woidtke MSN, RN, RPSGT, CCSH – Robyn is a RN as well as a RPSGT. 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.
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September 20th or before, $195___                 After September 20th or on-site $250 ____

____ I will primarily be attending the Sleep track of lectures.
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