Dräger Hosts Visionary Respiratory Conference in Phoenix

Renowned authorities discuss latest innovations in mechanical ventilation and give insights into the future of respiratory care

Telford, Pa. – World renowned physicians and respiratory therapy leaders met on February 12, 2013 at Banner Desert Hospital’s Rosati Education Center in Phoenix, Arizona to present innovative approaches that may help define the future of respiratory therapy. The complementary conference, Current Concepts in Critical Care Ventilation – 2013, was sponsored by Dräger, a leading provider of perioperative, monitoring, neonatal care, and mechanical ventilation systems.

More than 125 respiratory therapists, registered nurses, and RT students attended the event. Featured were presentations from Arthur Slutsky, MD, Toronto, Canada; Gary Nieman, BA, Syracuse, N.Y.; Geoffrey Lear, RRT, Baltimore, Md.; Nader Habashi, MD, Baltimore, Md.; John Emberger, RRT, Newark, Del.; and Daniel Rowley, RRT, Charlottesville, Va.

Attendees of the conference had the opportunity to confer with conference faculty and colleagues from more than 16 states, all of whom are interested in exploring ways to decrease mortality rates in ventilatory care. In addition to learning about cutting-edge respiratory research and lung recruitment strategies, attendees were given the opportunity to experience the latest in mechanical ventilator technology using Dräger’s ventilation and monitoring systems, including the newest releases such as the Evita Infinity V500 and Savina 300.

Through hands-on product demonstrations, therapists were able to practice using these advanced ventilators and monitors to optimize gas exchange and oxygenation to potentially minimize patient time on ventilators and prevent ventilator-induced lung injuries.

Key speakers presented research and case studies that encompassed:

- A historical view of mechanical ventilation and contemporary methodologies
• Alveolar physiology
• Ventilator waveform analysis and intervention
• Latest findings during APRV mode of ventilation
• Lung recruitment techniques
• Case studies in ARDS

“Dräger’s commitment is to provide exemplary education, training, and customer support programs through all facets of our organization,” says Edwin Coombs, MA RRT-NPS, ACCS, Marketing Director, North America, Intensive Care and Respiratory Care at Dräger. “This complementary conference is one of many examples of our ongoing dedication to providing the latest technology and clinical information to our customers and other respiratory therapists, nurses, and physicians so that they may continue to elevate the level of care they provide to patients.”

Additional respiratory conference in June
Due to the overwhelming success of this program, Dräger will host a similar conference on June 28 in Newport Beach, Calif. at the Marriott Resort & Spa. For more information, contact Ed Coombs at 215-660-2322.

Dräger released another educational resource, A Breath Ahead, at the AARC International Congress in 2012. This interactive Web portal offers online CRCEs, expert opinions, educational material, and case studies. This resource can be found at www.draeger.com/abreathahead.

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