

Minutes

**RT Coalition**

Date/ Time: 2/25/26 8pm EST

Location: Zoom

Purpose: Planning Meeting for the RT Coalition

Attendees:

	<b>Topic</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	Introductions/Roll call			
2.	Survey Results Review			
3.	Mission and Vision Review/Finalize			
4.	Confirm Goals & Roles			
5.	Action Items Recap			

1. Introductions

a. Leadership

- i. RT Ambassador, Angela Sherman BS, RRT, RPFT, RRT-ACCS; Physician Champions, Dr. Amit “Bobby” Mahajan, MD, FCCP, DAABIP, and Dr. José De Cárdenas MD, FCCP, DAABIP.  
Facilitator: Molly Jozefowski MS, PA-C

AABIP Education Committee

a. Coalition Participants

- i. Credentials & Roles of RTs, hospital/OR/ clinic

2. 1/28/26 Survey Results

a. See PowerPoint slides?

- b. At AABIP Education Committee 2/12/26, short presentation about the RTC and survey results. Dr. Colleen Channack and committee give their full support/approval; they want to know how they can help!
3. Mission and Vision Review/Finalize: 100% of January survey participants approved.
  - a. Mission: To empower and educate Respiratory Therapists (RTs) by establishing standardized clinical, educational, and administrative practices within the field of Interventional Pulmonology. To elevate the professionalism and impact of RTs, ensuring high-quality patient care and advancement in IP.
  - b. Vision: To create a comprehensive, standardized educational curriculum that equips RTs for official and recognized Interventional Pulmonology RT certification, enhancing professional recognition, and advocates for equitable compensation.

\*Request to further define equity- Equity meaning market competitive compensation rates? Equitable= to acknowledge ICU/senior/years of exp/dedicated training level comparative to advanced RT care pay. Collect info about other RTs level pay standards; work collectively to evaluate market/system analysis of current compensation variances.

#### 4. Organization of Goals & Roles

- a. Proposed GOALS listed in order of survey results:
  - Certification Process for RTs
  - Define IP RT Roles
  - Education of RTs
  - Empowerment of RTs
  - Compensation for RTs
- b. Proposed leadership roles and leads of committees: on post- meeting survey, please designate if you're interested in a leadership role or co-chair position of each committee
  - i. AARC Liaison
  - ii. Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) Ambassador

- iii. Curriculum Ambassador
  - iv. AABIP Liaison
  - v. Academic Ambassador
  - vi. Communications Ambassador
- c. Proposed Committees- based on survey results interest—post meeting survey will ask if you agree or have any concerns about these committees/ members

*1. IPRT NBRC & Certification progress: Annalee Boyle, Gina Pacifico, Susan Vasko-Wood*

*2. Education: Randy Solly, Dwayne Free, Kenyatta Nwako, Lindsey John*

*3. Defining Roles: Dino Gaetani, Tami Lenoir, Shawn C. Price, Angela Sherman*

*4. RT Empowerment: Elana Sporn, Eric Nolan*

*5. Compensation: Bimla Thapa Roka, Ara Chrissian*

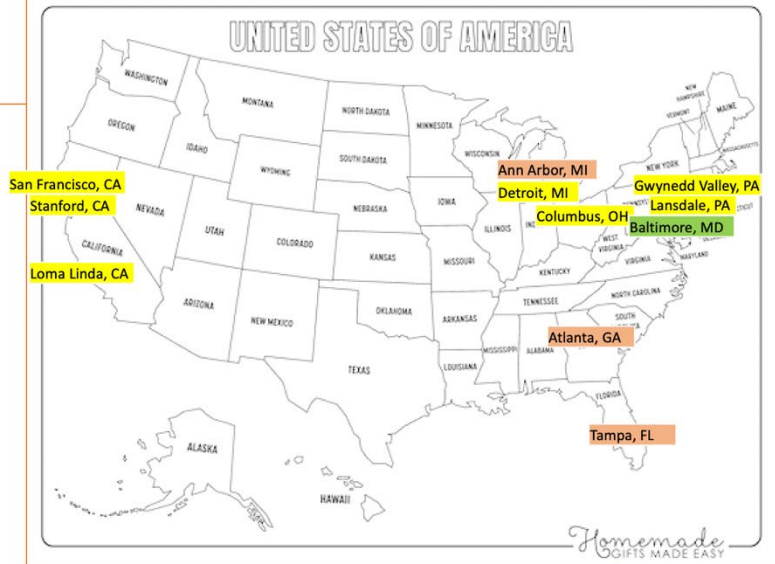
- 2. Communication within the Coalition
  - a. Meetings – Monthly
  - b. Future -- Committees report back at main Coalition meeting.
  - c. Other – directory of coalition: post-meeting survey will ask if you agree to share email contact information
- 3. Action Items Recap

Thank you for your participation!

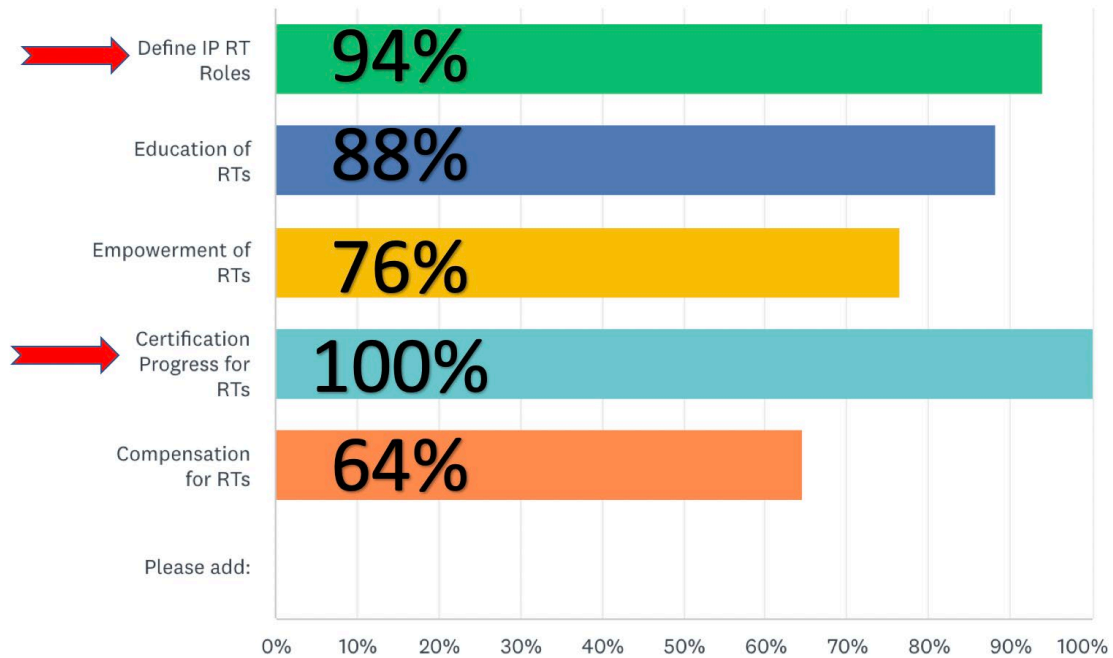
Next meeting: The fourth Wednesday of the month: Wed March 25th 8PM EST.

## Summary

- 17 respondents
  - 15 RTs, 1 NP, 1 MD
- Majority (82%) are mix of inpatient and outpatient



The following should be included our GOALS:



# Which of the following leadership roles should be included?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

