

# Change is coming: Exciting new initiatives at the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy*

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Without anything too controversial to discuss this quarter, I thought this would be a good time to highlight some of the initiatives underway at the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy*. During my tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal* I have been fortunate to see some exciting changes occur through the tireless efforts of its staff and volunteers.

Our readers may have noticed that we have moved from paper-based collection of articles to an article-based electronic rolling publication model. This means that as soon as an accepted article is in its final form that article is published online at [cjrt.com](http://cjrt.com), as opposed to waiting until an issue is published. This will ensure that publication is expedited, benefitting both readers and authors. Full archives of articles are available to view on the site as well. Already published and available in open access are a diverse spread of innovative articles, spanning from education in respiratory therapy to pediatric respiratory distress management.

We are also excited to highlight a new type of article that may be of interest to our audience and authors: Innovations in Practice. This article type highlights innovative approaches to, or evaluation of, any aspect of the theory or practice of respiratory therapy. This could include, without being limited to, process/protocol improvement, program evaluation, quality improvement, or practice change. These are similar in format to a research paper, but the reporting of results and analysis is less vigorous as these are a faster way of disseminating what is happening on the front lines of clinical practice and education, and thus do not always fall neatly into traditional research reporting. Two of these articles can already be found on the homepage! If you have questions about this format, you can read more in our Author Instructions online, or contact our Managing Editor at [editor@csrt.com](mailto:editor@csrt.com).

Additionally, a call for papers for our next special issue, Emerging Practice, has gone out. I encourage respiratory therapists, as well as our interprofessional colleagues, to submit research exploring the role new and innovative cardiopulmonary practices play in expanding coverage, improving quality, and containing costs in health care. Check our homepage for details about this issue and submission instructions.

FIGURE 1

The top 20 countries accessing *CJRT* January 2018 to March 2019.

	77,202 % of Total: 100.00% (77,202)
1.  Canada	69,467 (89.79%)
2.  United States	1,956 (2.53%)
3.  Trinidad & Tobago	838 (1.08%)
4.  United Arab Emirates	690 (0.89%)
5.  India	548 (0.71%)
6.  United Kingdom	432 (0.56%)
7.  France	306 (0.40%)
8.  Hong Kong	299 (0.39%)
9.  Australia	298 (0.39%)
10.  Qatar	213 (0.28%)
11.  Saudi Arabia	179 (0.23%)
12.  Brazil	123 (0.16%)
13.  Nigeria	112 (0.14%)
14.  Philippines	106 (0.14%)
15.  Iran	105 (0.14%)
16.  Pakistan	98 (0.13%)
17.  South Africa	82 (0.11%)
18.  Singapore	74 (0.10%)
19.  New Zealand	60 (0.08%)
20.  Ireland	58 (0.07%)

Our readership and authorship is expanding beyond the borders of Canada. With this comes some interesting and diverse perspectives to which we may not have previously been exposed. To reflect this, we have included the tagline “Informing the Practice of Respiratory Therapists Globally” to our messaging. From January 2018 to early March 2019, the *Journal* website has been accessed by readers in an impressive 148 countries (see Figure 1).

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The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) is also offering a 13-week mentored course on review methodology and writing. Systematic reviews are limited in focus and used to inform precise change in practice—Integrative reviews, while maintaining a systematic process, are less restrictive in focus and can incorporate multiple designs in review and interpret. Participants will be grouped and paired with knowledgeable and experienced preceptors with a goal of producing a manuscript suitable for publication. Authors will also be invited to present their work at the CSRT Annual Education Conference. This initiative is a great approach to disseminate knowledge and expertise among our profession and beyond.

Finally, be sure to check our website often. As we approach this year's annual conference, we will be publishing conference proceedings. This collection of abstracts always proves to be interesting and informative, not to be missed.

I look forward to seeing these initiatives realized. Lastly, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to my colleagues on the *Journal's* editorial board, without whom none of this would be possible! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

I hope to see many of you in Niagara Falls for the conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Sorge', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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