



ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS

Tom Berlin, DHSc, MSc, RRT

Dr. Berlin is currently the Executive Director of Respiratory Care at AdventHealth Central Florida. He is a graduate with his BSRT from UCF and continued on there to obtain his Master of Science, Health Science Management. He then received his Doctor of Health Science from Nova Southeastern University. He is a past president of the FSRC. Dr. Berlin has received many recognitions and awards for his dedication and leadership in the field of Respiratory Care.

Cristy Clark, ED.S., LMHC

Ms. Clark is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and is currently the Program Director of the Social and Human Services Program at Florida SouthWestern State College. She attended FGCU and obtained a BS in Criminal Justice. From there she received a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling from Webster University and has also received Specialist in Education with a Major in Counseling from Barry University. Ms. Clark has previously worked with youths in the many stages within the juvenile justice system.

Jim Damron, MDiv, MBE, RRT, CPFT

Mr. Damron is the founder of Grapevine Academy LLC in North Carolina. He is a speaker and life coach for a wide range of topics for the healthcare provider/caregiver. He received his AA in Respiratory Care from Central Piedmont Community College after obtaining a BA in Biology/Spanish from Queens University in Charlotte, NC. He holds 2 Master of Arts degrees, one in Intercultural Studies and the other in Bioethics and Health Policy from Columbia International University and Loyola University, respectively. Mr. Damron received his Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Studies from Columbia International University as well. He has presented numerous topics, both nationally and internationally.

Jeff Davis, MS, RRT-NPS, RCIS, FSICP

Mr. Davis is recently retired but was the Program Director for the Cardiovascular Technology Program and for a time also the Program Director for the Respiratory Care Program as well for Florida SouthWestern State College. He received his BA in Business Administration from University of South Florida. Mr. Davis then attended Edison State College for his AS in Respiratory Care and later received a Master of Science in Health Sciences from Florida Gulf Coast University. He has been involved in the planning and orchestrating many conferences including ours. And has presented at many as well. We are happy to have him as both part of our symposium planning committee and presenter.



Timothy Dougherty, MD, FAAEM, DACMT

Dr. Dougherty is not new to our panel of presenters for the Suncoast Pulmonary Symposium. Dr. Dougherty is currently the Medical Director of Cape Coral Emergency Physicians. He received his Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College in Pennsylvania, doing his Emergency Medicine Residency at medical College of Pennsylvania. From there, Dr. Dougherty also received Medical Toxicology Fellowship. Dr. Dougherty has been involved with many research topics has presented at numerous conferences here and around the world.

Eleanor Eberhard, DNP, MBA, RN

Dr. Eberhard is currently the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City, California. She received her AAS in Nursing from County College of Morris, NJ. From there, she continued to obtain her BSN at Thomas Edison State College in New Jersey. Dr. Eberhard received her MBA from Western Governors University and her DNP from the University of St. Augustine.

Steven Hardt, MA, RRT, RRT-ACCS

Mr. Hardt is the current Program Director for the Respiratory Care Program at St. Pete State College in St. Petersburg, FL. He also is the coordinator of the Florida Educators Respiratory Network. Mr. Hardt received his AS in Respiratory Care from Manatee Community College. He then received Bachelor in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. Continuing on at the University of South Florida, he received his Master of Arts in Adult Education. Mr. Hardt has done many presentations around the state on a broad range of topics and we are happy to have him back as a presenter.

Richard Kallet, MS, RRT, FAARC, FCCM

Mr. Kallet is currently retired but has worked at the University of California at San Francisco General Hospital in many roles from staff therapist early in his career to Director of Research and Quality Assurance and Clinical Research. He started as a music major from the University of Miami. Then he graduated from State University of New York Upstate Medical Center with an AAS and BS in Cardio-Respiratory Sciences. Mr. Kallet received his Master of Science degree in Health Sciences from San Francisco State University. He has been involved in many professional activities over his career. He has been a scientific peer reviewer for many journals. Mr. Kallet has also presented for national and international audiences mostly on topics involving invasive mechanical ventilation.

Shyam Kapadia, MD

Dr. Kapadia is currently working for Lee Health Pulmonary and Critical Care. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonology and Critical Care. Dr. Kapadia earned his Doctor of Medicine from Aureus University in Aruba. He completed his Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. Dr. Kapadia has done multiple Research Presentations and has received numerous Grants for research.



Jie Li, PhD, RRT, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS, FAARC

Dr. Li is currently an Associate Professor in Cardiopulmonary Sciences at Rush University in Chicago, IL. She started her career in China where she received her BS in Respiratory Care and critical care medicine from West China Medical School of Sichuan University. She then obtained her Master of Science in Internal Medicine from Capital Medical University in Beijing. Dr. Li most recently received her PhD in Health Science from Rush University in Chicago. She is the current section editor for the Respiratory Care Journal for the Review section. Dr. Li has earned numerous awards in her career including in 2021 the Young Investigator Award at the 23rd Congress of International Society for Aerosols in Medicine. She is highly published with many articles and research on aerosol delivery.

Cassie Molina, BS RRT, CIC

Ms. Molina is currently an Infection Control Practitioner at Largo Hospital in Largo, FL. She has been in the infection control field since 2003. She received her AS in Respiratory Care from Valencia Community College in Orlando, FL. She then received her BS in Cardiopulmonary Sciences from University of Central Florida in Orlando. Ms. Molina then became Board Certified in Infection Prevention and Control from the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology. She has presented topics locally in Florida and has graciously accepted to present again at our Symposium.

Mark Pellman, BS, RRT

Mr. Pellman graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS degree in Biology. He furthered his education and became a Respiratory Therapist from the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Respiratory Care. Mr. Pellman is currently the Director of Respiratory Care Services, Hyperbarics, and Neurophysiology at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, FL. He has been very active in the FSRC and is recently been the president of the organization. Mr. Pellman is also one of the founding members of the Florida Respiratory Leadership Network. He has presented numerous topics around the state and we are happy to have him present again this year.

Jami Vines, RRT

Ms. Vines is currently a Clinical Specialist for Getinge Corporation based in the Southeast United States. She received her AS in Respiratory Care Technology from Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, NE and is currently pursuing her BS degree from Creighton University in Omaha. Ms. Vines has presented many lectures both live and online on many topics mainly mechanical ventilation. She has been involved in research specifically with Calfactant therapy.