

August 2011 VSRC Nominee Bio

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Job Description or Title: Respiratory Therapy Supervisor

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University of South Alabama, 2003

Previous VSRC or AARC activities: VSRC Legislative Committee Co-chair

Why do you want to run for VSRC office (Maximum 150 words)?

I want to run for Blue Ridge District Director in order to meet with respiratory therapists from other hospitals in the district. I want to talk with them about joining the AARC and VSRC and how it will benefit them professionally. One of my goals is to hold annual or bi-annual meetings within the district in one or two different locations so that therapists have the best opportunity to access continuing education opportunities and be exposed to their professional organizations. Also, I want to expand membership and involvement within the Blue Ridge District and help therapists to be more active within our professional organizations. One way to accomplish this is by designating AARC/VSRC point people in RT departments at multiple hospitals. The District Directors can send important updates and information about the VSRC to these point people who can then disseminate the information to therapists within their hospital organization.