

# Respiratory Care Organizations: Who We Are

*Working collaboratively with other national organizations that share the universal goal of protecting and enhancing patient lives through excellence in respiratory care, we come together to promote and serve the profession. Below, you can learn more about how each organization commits to the greater whole of respiratory care.*

## NBRC

- Credentialing body for respiratory care profession
- Assesses minimum competency for entry into practice
- **MISSION:** Promote excellence in respiratory care by awarding credentials based on high competency standards

[nbrc.org](http://nbrc.org)

## AARC

- Professional membership organization for students and practitioners that provides education, advocacy, clinical practice guidelines and more
- Provides a voice for practitioners at a state and national level
- **MISSION:** Advance professional excellence and science in the practice of respiratory therapy, serving the profession, patients, caregivers and the public

[aarc.org](http://aarc.org)

## CoARC

- Accrediting agency that supports education programs
- Enforces standards for education in respiratory care
- **MISSION:** Ensure that high-quality educational programs prepare graduates to be competent respiratory therapists with proficiency in practice, education, research and service

[coarc.com](http://coarc.com)

## LICENSING BOARD

- Government-regulated agency
- Sets the minimum qualifications needed to practice
- May take disciplinary action when a licensee violates a state or federal law
- **MISSION:** Safeguard the public through licensure, education and discipline of those who practice respiratory therapy

