



OACVPR 36th Annual Meeting

April 16th, 2024

Join OACVPR for our 36th annual meeting which will be held **IN PERSON** again this year!

Conference Schedule-

Tuesday, April 16th (6 CEUs pending) *Speaker order subject to change *

7:30-8:15 am - **Registration**

8:20 am - **Welcome**

8:30-9:30 am – **Mary Finckenor, MA, RD, CDCES, BC-ADM, CSSD, CCRP, Morristown Medical Center, NJ**–“Managing Diabetes without a Diabetes educator”

9:30-10:30 am – **Michael Neuendorff, Med, RRT, RPFT, Owner of Neumed Diagnostics** – “OSA Causes, effects, and relation to major diseases”

10:30-10:45 am – **Vendor Break**

10:45-11:45 am – **Bonnie Clark, CPT, RCP, RRT, FAACVPR, Promedica Flower Hospital Division of Toledo Hospital and per diem at St Charles Mercy Health System**, -“Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Medicare Update”

11:45 am – **Board Announcements**

12:00-1:00 pm – **Lunch/Vendor exhibits**

1:00-2:00 pm- **Katrina Fields, RN, BSN, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center**- “Exercising the ‘Pulseless Patient’: Providing Safe Cardiac Rehab in the VAD Patient Population”

2:00-3:00 pm – **Amy Gorenflo, CTTS, Cessation Services Program Administrator at Ohio Department of Health (ODH)**- “Using the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line to Address Nicotine Dependence”

3:00-3:15 pm - **Vendor Break**

3:15-4:15 pm - **Dr. Ajay Vallakati, MD, MPH, Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center** – “Recent Updates in the Management of Heart Failure”

4:15-4:30 – **Wrap Up**



Conference Registration

Register at www.oacvpr.net

Conference:

AACVPR/OACVPR Member	\$100
Non-Member	\$150
Student	\$25

A **late fee of \$20 will be assessed after 3/31/24*

Conference is in person only again this year and will **NOT be recorded for later viewing**

Location: Fawcett Center OSU

2400 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43210

**Note Attendees will need a parking pass displayed in window of vehicle to park at the Fawcett Center which will be e-mailed prior to the Meeting.*

Speakers

Mary Finckenor, MA, RD, CDCES, BC-ADM, CSSD, CCRP: Mary is a Registered Dietitian with a Master's Degree in Nutrition Education and advanced certifications in diabetes and sports dietetics. Mary is the dietitian and diabetes educator for the Cardiac Rehab Program at Morristown Medical Center. She also serves as a dietary consultant with Atlantic Health System's Sports Health, Corporate Health, and Executive Health Programs, and is an Element Specialist with the Virtual Ornish Lifestyle Medicine Program. A dynamic speaker with an enthusiastic and engaging style, Mary is adept at breaking down the most complex topics. She has presented at numerous national, state and local conferences and is a sought-after presenter for corporations in the greater New York metropolitan area.

Michael Neuendorff, Med, RRT, RPFT: Mike Neuendorff has been in the field of Respiratory Therapy for approximately 45 years. He graduated in 1971 from Ohio State University with a BS in Psychology as a premed student. He began his career in Respiratory Therapy in 1972 at Robinson Memorial Hospital and moved to Parma Community Hospital from 1974 to 1975 prior to becoming a faculty member at Cuyahoga Community College then advancing to program director until 1978. In 1978 Mike moved to North Central Technical College to assume the role of program director for Respiratory Therapy through 1988. While program director he took classes at the University of Akron to obtain his Master's Degree in Technical Education and pursued additional education in Electrical Engineering to assist him in a part time venture repairing medical equipment with his company Neumed, Inc. He also provided in-service programs for CEUs at local hospitals. He left North Central in 1988 to become Administrative Director at Medina General Hospital overseeing the respiratory department, sleep laboratory, and diagnostic laboratory while still providing in-services. Mike worked on committees for the AARC and OSRC and was President of the OSRC in 1988. In 2000, Mike started as an offshoot of Neumed his own mobile pulmonary function testing service called Neumed Diagnostics, Inc. after leaving Medina General. In 2016, Mike retired and has continued to periodically provide in services for hospitals and the OSRC. He co-authored an article with his wife Susanne (an RN) in the AARC times in 12/87 entitled "Student Recruitment Educators Must Prepare for Drop in Student Numbers".

Bonnie Clark, CPT, RCP, RRT, FAACVPR: Currently have 30+ years' experience in Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Served as a board member on OACVPR as Northwest Ohio Rep and Past President. Has served on the Clinical Applications Committee and as a reviewer and on leadership on the Certification Committee. Currently is serving on AACVPR PR Sub Committee, AACVPR Education Committee and MAC Resource Group Member.

Katrina Fields, RN, BSN: Katrina Fields RN, BSN has been a nurse for 13 years. Her career started with adult cardiac intensive care at University of Louisville Hospital and she transitioned to the pediatric cardiac intensive care unit at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 2013. In 2017, she started with the Ventricular Assist Device/ Heart Transplant team as the VAD Coordinator. She is a co-leader with the education committee of ACTION Learning Network and has dedicated her career to helping pediatric patients and caregivers learn about their ventricular assist devices. As a mother of a solid organ transplanted child, Katrina is very passionate about healthcare equity working to provide access to all solid organ transplants.

Amy Gorenflo, CTTS: Amy began her career as a Health Educator at a local public health department in 2005. Working in the child/family health services clinic, she was able gain valuable insight about the people served by public health services and her passion for serving others grew. During her seven years at the local level, Amy became certified through the Mayo Clinic as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist (CTTS) and secured an additional 1.5 million in funding, including Creating Health Communities and YMCA of the USA's Pioneering Healthier Communities grant funding. An opportunity to transition to state service came about in 2012, Amy joined the Ohio Department of Health's Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program, where she now supervises their Nicotine Recovery Unit. At ODH, Amy has largely managed the cessation efforts of the program, including the operation of the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line and has led several other projects, including the program's annual tobacco conference. She builds relationships with state partners, healthcare providers and insurance plans to increase opportunities for Ohioans to become free of nicotine dependence.

Dr. Ajay Vallakati, MD, MPH: Dr. Ajay Vallakati, MD, MPH is a heart failure specialist and clinical assistant professor of internal medicine at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Dr. Vallakati earned his medical degree from Osmania Medical College in India and completed a residency in internal medicine at Maimonides Medical Center in New York. He completed cardiovascular disease fellowship at the Case Western Reserve University/MetroHealth Medical Center, and advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology fellowship at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Dr. Vallakati also has a Master's degree in Public Health from Missouri State University. Dr. Vallakati specializes in the treatment of heart failure, cardio-oncology, and heart transplant. He is involved in comprehensive amyloidosis clinic at The Ohio State University, which is one of the first comprehensive clinics of its kind in the nation. He is also involvement in the heart transplant and LVAD clinics at The Ohio State University.