

Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care Selects Dr. Thomas Smalling as Executive Director



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We are pleased to announce that the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) has selected Dr. Thomas Smalling as its next executive director, effective April 1, 2008.

Dr. Smalling earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Cardiorespiratory Sciences in 1988 and a Masters of Science degree in Health Sciences in 1992, both from Stony Brook University. He earned his PhD in Higher Education Administration from New York University in 2006. His doctoral work focused on higher education governance and policy analysis. He has worked in the respiratory care profession since 1987 and joined the respiratory care program faculty at Stony Brook University in 1995, where he also served as Director of Clinical Education. He is credentialed as a registered respiratory therapist in addition to specialty credentials in polysomnography and pulmonary function testing.

Dr. Smalling has been involved in the respiratory care association at the local, state, and national levels. Dr. Smalling served for a number of years on the Board of Directors of the New York State Society for Respiratory Care (NYSSRC), including the position of President and the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) Delegate. He recently completed his term as Chair of the AARC Specialty Section in Sleep. He served as a board member on the Committee on Accreditation of Respiratory Care (CoARC) since 2004 and in this role he worked primarily on accreditation standards for polysomnography. He has served on several national committees with the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT), the American Association of Sleep Technologists (AAST), and National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

Dr. Smalling's clinical area of expertise is in pulmonary diagnostics and polysomnography, where he specializes in curriculum development, continuing education, and professional regulatory issues. Dr. Smalling is a nationally-recognized speaker and author and has played an important role in the development of a national curriculum in polysomnography. In 2005, Dr. Smalling completed the accreditation process for Stony Brook that resulted in establishing the first CoARC-approved University-based respiratory care program in the nation to offer polysomnography. He has been selected as a member of the Lambda Beta Society, the National Honor Society for Respiratory Care and the Alpha-Eta Society, the National Honor Society for Allied Health. In December of 2005, he was conferred a fellowship by the AARC in recognition for his significant and sustained contributions to the profession of respiratory care.