

Responses to Survey - Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners

Total responses: 16 (of which 1 out-of-state)

Highest Compliment	<i>Ability to monitor on behalf of licensees</i> - 8 <i>Ability to keep profession from criticism because of bad actors</i> - 1 <i>Other:</i> - 0				<i>Ability to streamline Continuing Ed</i> - 2 <i>None</i> - 5	
Biggest Complaint	<i>Licensing fees too high</i> - 6 <i>Licensing renewal timelines too strict</i> - 0 <i>Other:</i> -- 0		<i>Lack of Information</i> - 1 <i>Regulations too strict</i> - 0		<i>Board's response to unlicensed practice</i> - 2 <i>None</i> - 6	
<p>Other reasons the board is important: - Would you want a nonlicensed caregiver taking care of you or your family members in any healthcare setting? Would you want a licensed professional running a vent or some person off the street who claims they can do it? -- Unlicensed healthcare individuals should not be permitted to practice period. -- To keep the practice professional and safe from unsafe practitioners and practices. -- I imagine the revenue stream created by these boards would be vital to the state . With that said as a Respiratory Therapist we are already watched over by the National Board of Respiratory Care .</p>						
<i>Public Health</i> - 2	<i>Public Welfare</i> - 2		<i>Public Safety</i> - 4		<i>None of these-</i>	<i>All or combination</i> - 6
Scope of Practice:	<i>Too Narrow</i> - 5		<i>Too Broad</i> - 0			<i>Just Right</i> - 9
<p>Problems with own BA or other professions' scope of practice - None with own profession = 13. Yes. Board of Nursing - 2 -- Comment regarding just right scope: I'm able to administer dobutamine, atropine and metoprolol for cardiac stress tests. I'm able to be nursery nurse in delivery and administer the vaccinations, and Vit K for newborns. I'm able to run a ventilator and set up patients on Bipap and CPAP. I can stay challenged and learn new things all the time. Nursing balked very heavily at our being able to do the cardiac meds. -- Comments regarding too narrow a scope: -- As a respiratory therapist, often what we can do, and what we are allowed to do, are two different things. It would be nicer to have more freedom in practice per regulations than we have now, and could weed out nonprofessionals and companies that hire nonprofessionals to do our job, usually just to increase profits. -- Well, I don't find that our bylaws are simplistic enough to follow. I feel that we are a well-versed, well-educated and definitely equally educated as RN's; however, because they are a larger demographic, they have more pull, etc....even in our area of expertise. -- Our profession comes under fire by other boards for their own purposes not for the safety and ability of a particular profession. The Board of Nursing is great at limiting other professions through legislation for the safety of their own, not for the safety and care of the patients.</p>						
<p>What laws/regulations have caused the most problems? None = Allowing nonregistered techs/therapist to continue to practice without earning the proper credentials. -- Pulmonary Function Testing.</p>						
Consumer complaint filed?	No = 14 Yes = 1 Board was effective = 1 (regarding nonlicensed person providing testing in violation of state law)					
Nonlicensee comments	Saying Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners: Necessary for Public Health - 214, Public Safety - 131, Public Welfare -116. Of 1346 respondents some marked all or a combination.					

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