

# 2026 Annual AzSRC State Conference

August 18–19, 2026 · Desert Willow Conference Center · Phoenix, AZ

Note: The RVAC Pre-Conference (Day 1 — Monday, August 17) has its own separate agenda and registration.

Day 2 — Tuesday, August 18, 2026 · Main Conference		
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration / Networking / Breakfast with Exhibitors	
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Opening Ceremony & AzSRC President's Welcome	
8:30 – 9:30 AM	<b>Opening Keynote</b> <i>Melanie Thomas VP, NBRC</i>	
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Coffee & Exhibitor Break	
	<b>ADULT TRACK</b>	<b>PEDIATRIC TRACK</b>
10:00 – 11:00 AM	<b>APRT Journey (Virtual)</b> Mindy Conklin	<b>EIT: Noninvasive Regional Lung Monitoring in Neo/Peds</b> <i>Bob Terno, RRT-NPS, CPFT</i>
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	<b>HF and NIV and the Risk of Aspiration: Study Review</b> <i>Rebecca Volk, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S</i>  <i>Kimberly Deal, MPH, MS, CCC-SLP</i>	<b>Mechanical ventilation strategies for infants with BPD</b> Pamela S Griffiths, MD FAAP
12:15 – 1:30 PM	Lunch & Sponsor Presentation	
1:30 – 2:30 PM	<b>VA-VV ECMO and RT Integration</b> <i>Kristopher Roach, MD</i>	<b>Nitric Oxide on the tx of PPHN</b> <i>Ben Valenzuela, MBA, RRT</i>
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Coffee & Exhibitor Break	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	<b>Electrical Impedance Tomography</b> <i>Dr. Roberta Ribeiro &amp; De Santis Santiago</i>	<b>In-line Speaking Valve Case Studies (Pediatrics)</b> <i>Gabriela Ortiz, BSRT, RCP</i>
4:15 – 5:15 PM	<b>General Session: The Respiratory Therapist's Role in Organ Donation (Ethics)</b> <i>Dr. Alan Haynie, Ed.D., RRT, PNAP — Donor Network of Arizona</i>	
5:30 – 7:30 PM	Networking Reception & Poster Presentations	

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Day 3 — Wednesday, August 19, 2026 · Main Conference		
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast with Exhibitors	
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Morning Keynote — Title TBD <i>Speaker TBD</i>	
	<b>ADULT TRACK</b>	<b>PEDIATRIC TRACK</b>
9:15 – 10:15 AM	<b>In-line Speaking Valve Case Studies (Adults)</b> <i>Gabriela Ortiz, BSRT, RCP</i>	<b>Pediatric Airway Management</b> <i>Kaylee Gordon, BS, RRT</i>
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Coffee & Exhibitor Break	
10:45 – 11:45 AM	<b>ALS &amp; Sleep</b> <i>Dr. Lilibeth Peneda, MD ABSM</i>	<b>Increased efficacy of pressure and flow-based therapies</b> Dana Copeland
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon & AzSRC Annual Business Meeting	
1:30 – 2:30 PM	<b>Difficult Airway: A Dual View Approach</b> <i>Kaylee Gordon</i>	<b>HFOV Flight Transportation</b> <i>Mona Escalante, RRT-NPS</i>
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Closing General Session / Hot Topics Panel <i>Panelists TBD</i>	
3:45 – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks & CEU Certificate Distribution	
4:00 PM	Conference Adjourns	