

Noted Respiratory Therapist and AARC Representative Gene Gantt Joins Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety Advisory Board

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The [Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety](#) announced today that Gene Gantt, RRT has joined the Physician-Patient Alliance Board of Advisors.

Mr. Gantt is a well-respected Registered Respiratory Therapist who has practiced in the post-acute care arena since 1984 and is widely recognized for his excellent work on critical patient safety issues. He has represented the [American Association for Respiratory Care \(AARC\)](#) at various conferences addressing the need for patient monitoring and promoting clinician awareness of early recognition of respiratory compromise.

In 2004, Mr. Gantt was recognized as the AARC - Long Term Care Practitioner of the year. From 2008 to 2011, he was selected by his peers to chair the AARC Long Term Care specialty section, and currently he is Chair-elect of the LTC Section. From 2009 to 2014, he was appointed to the [Tennessee Board for Respiratory Care](#), which he chaired in 2013-2014. In 2014, he was selected to serve on the Industry Advisory Council of the [National Association for Medical Direction of Respiratory Care \(NAMDR\)](#).

On behalf of the Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety, I am absolutely thrilled to welcome Gene Gantt, said PPAHS Executive Director Michael Wong, JD. Gene will be particularly instrumental in our [goal to ensure that all patients receiving opioids in hospital are continuously electronically monitored](#). I have no doubt that his colleagues on our Board of Advisors will warmly embrace his innovative way of thinking.

In 2006, Mr. Gantt introduced and successfully codified a set of core standards of care which were adopted in Tennessee as operational rules for skilled nursing facilities. Compliance with these standards is now required for participation in the TennCare Enhanced Respiratory Care program. In 2010, these standards were adopted and published as national recommendations by the AARC as the position statement, Delivery of Respiratory Therapy Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities Providing Ventilator and/or High Acuity Respiratory Care. The statement remains the primary guide for states to formulate long term ventilator rules.

I am honored and excited to join the Board of Advisors at the Physician-Patient Alliance, said Mr. Gantt. I very much look forward to working with PPAHS to advancing the goal that all hospital patients receiving opioids are continuously electronically monitored.

About Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety

Physician-Patient Alliance for Health & Safety is non-profit advocacy group whose mission is to promote safer clinical practices and standards for patients through collaboration among healthcare experts, professionals, scientific researchers, and others, in order to improve health care delivery. For more information, please visit <http://www.ppahs.org>.