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**From:** Boiano, James M. (CDC/NIOSH/DSHEFS)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2008 9:22 AM  
**To:** Dragon, Karen E. (CDC/NIOSH/EID)  
**Subject:** FW: NIOSH health care worker survey

Karen:  
Here is the email from Richard Branson.  
Jim

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**From:** Branson, Richard (bransord) [mailto:BRANSORD@UCMAIL.UC.EDU]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2008 5:12 PM  
**To:** Boiano, James M. (CDC/NIOSH/DSHEFS)  
**Subject:** NIOSH health care worker survey

Jim,

Thank you for inviting me and AARC to be part of the meeting at CVG. I ran a couple of issues by the AARC and have these comments.

Core Survey

The AARC does not recognize the job title Respiratory Technician any more. All individuals working are considered Respiratory Therapists. The AARC would prefer to see the technician classification removed. If you mean to include people who perhaps work in a respiratory therapy department who might set up equipment or clean equipment - this may be alright.

Aerosol survey

Tobramycin is in fact the most commonly used aerosolized antibiotic. However, amikacin and colistin are also frequently used. Do you want to change the question about Tobi to any aerosolized antibiotic and perhaps list these three as examples?

If NIOSH wanted to exhibit at the AARC national meeting Kathy Blackmon at AARC ([blackmon@arc.org](mailto:blackmon@arc.org)) would be the person to contact.

I believe the AARC is interested in helping and has the ability to select a random sample of the membership to include adult and pediatric therapists working in the hospital, long term care, and home care.

Good luck,

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