

Library Corner – February 2004

The journals have started filtering through again and they generated a bit of relief from the preparation of business cases and capital estimates during January.

The Role of Long-Acting Bronchodilators in the Management of Stable COPD. Donald P. Tashkin and Christopher B. Cooper. *Chest* 2004;**125**: 249-259

The Repeatability of Forced Expiratory Volume Measurements in Adults With Cystic Fibrosis. Matthew B. Stanbrook, Mary Corey, and D. Elizabeth Tullis. *Chest* 2004;**125**: 150-155

A fillip for the 6-minute walk test is the finding that it is reported to be the best predictor of mortality compared with traditional other measures of disease severity.

The 6-min walk distance: change over time and value as a predictor of survival in severe COPD. V.M. Pinto-Plata *et al.* *Eur Respir J*, 2004; **23**:28-33.

Those struggling to establish sleep laboratories may find this useful

Economic arguments for the immediate management of moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome. N.Pelletier *et al* *ibid*:53-60.

Maybe we don't need spirometry after all?

Progressive damage on high resolution computed tomography despite stable lung function in cystic fibrosis. PA de Jong *et al.* *ibid*:23:93-97.

There was also an interesting review for those with an interest in Cystic Fibrosis:

New concepts of the pathogenesis of cystic fibrosis lung disease. R.C. Boucher. *ibid*:146-158.

More for those with an interest in sleep apnoea

Time course of changes in driving simulator performance with and without treatment in patients with sleep apnoea hypopnoea syndrome. P.M.Turkington *et al.* *Thorax* 2004; 59:56-59

Intranasal corticosteroid therapy for obstructive sleep apnoea in patients with co-existing rhinitis. J.L Kiely *et al.* *ibid* 50-55.

And the first instalment in a review series

Sleep 1: Obstructive Sleep Apnoea/hypopnoea syndrome: definitions, epidemiology, and natural history. J.R.Stradling, R.J.O Davies. *ibid*: 73-78

A second review may also be of interest

Cough 4: Cough in Asthma and eosinophilic bronchitis. P.V. Dicpinigaitis. *ibid* 71-72.

Until next month, happy browsing. Don't forget contributions to this page are always welcome!

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